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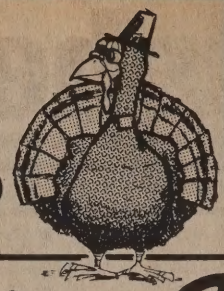

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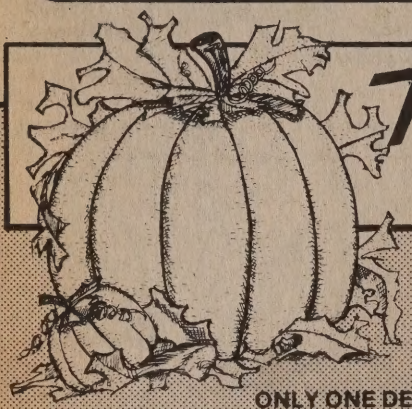

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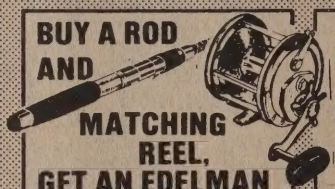

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Long Island anglers will be out in force next week, searching for blues like this one taken at 17 Fathoms by Rich Barrett, son of Fisherman staffer Pete Barrett. There's $200,000 in prizes up for grabs in the Si-Tex/Arthur Smith Bluefish Tournament slated for September 13 and 14. A contest program is included in this week's issue along with a few articles that should help you along to that winning catch. Photo by Pete Barrett.

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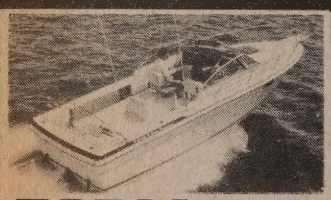

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BOATING SKILLS & SEAMANSHIP COURSE IN BAY SHORE

The most popular United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, adult, 12-lesson Boating Skills and Seamanship Course, will start Tuesday, September 18, 1984, 7:30 p.m. at the Bay Shore Junior High School. This is the most extensive course given and covers all aspects of safe boating. Minimum age 17.

For information and early registration, call 666-5351. Class will be limited to 85.

CALENDAR OF LONG ISLAND EVENTS ISSUED BY TOURISM COMMISSION

Long Island Tourism & Convention Commission has issued a new Calendar of Events and Directory of Services to interest to visitors. "This regularly issued publication has proven very popular among visitors seeking assistance at our tourist information centers," reports LITCC President Eleanor Simpson, "and is in great demand by residents of the region as well."

The latest edition covers events from August through November and includes many "continuing events" to enable visitors or residents "to plan each day of their Long Island holiday throughout the summer and fall."

The Calendar includes listings of museum exhibits, outdoor concerts, seafood festivals, country fairs, antique sales and flea markets, arts and crafts fairs, theatrical performances, tournaments, harvest festivals, flower shows, family entertainments and more. The directory section offers a wide variety of accomodations, attractions, restaurants and services.

Where possible, information is provided on events and facilities which are handicapped accessible, Mrs. Simpson notes; "and each event in the calendar offers a telephone number to call for detailed information or to make reservations in some cases." Many of the listed programs feature free admission.

The colorful calendar/directory may be obtained at the Nassau Visitors Information Center, Southern State Parkway between exits 13-14 (Valley Stream) or the Suffolk Visitor Information Center, L.I. Expressway between exits 51-52 (Dix Hills). Single copies may also be requested by mail. Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope (37 cents first class postage) to(Long Island Tourism & Convention Commission, Calendar, 213 Carleton Avenue, Central Islip, NY 11722.

LEADED GAS BAN PROPOSAL CHALLENGES U.S. BOATING INDUSTRY

In its July 30 proposal to reduce lead used in gasoline 91 percent as of January 1, 1986, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency touched the lives of all consumers of products which operate on leaded gasoline. Included in these millions of people are the nation's recreational boaters. Of the estimated nine-plus million outboard motors in service and 1.5-plus million inboard engines in use, the National Marine Manufacturers Association indicates the vast majority will require some form of alteration to remain safe and operational when fueled by low-lead or no-lead gasolines.

"We agree with the goal and the phase-out of lead additives to gasoline," says boating industry spokesman and NMMA president Jeff Napier. "However, the 91 percent reduction in lead additives in a short 15-month period is faster than the technology and manufacturing lead times can handle. We have already redesigned many of our engines to use the major lead substitute, alcohol additives to gas, but need more time to convert the rest.

"Most importantly, lead substitues for raising octane, such as alcohol, can create significant safety problems along with accelerating engine wear and creating performance problems—by no means limited to marine engines." Napier explained that the safety problem occurs because alcohol causes rapid deterioration in nitrile rubber compounds commonly used in automotive and boat fuel systems. The deteriorating rubber permits both the alcohol component and ultimately the rest of the gasoline to leak into the bilges. Among the performance problems cited by Napier were reduced fuel economy, harder starts, phase separation where water and alcohol produce corrosion in the gas tank along with faster valve wear without the lubricating lead additive in the gasoline.

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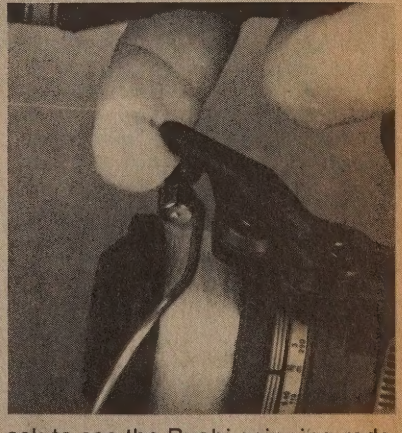

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safety and performance problems of alcohol additives may be met. The industry group will also participate in the EPA regulatory process asking for a slower phase-out. "The auto and refining industries aren't out of the woods on this one either," said Napier. "For example, most 1984 auto owners manuals caution against using certain lead-substitute alcohol additive fuels because of possible fuel system damage. Refiners are suggesting they won't be able to meet no-lead gasoline demands on such short notice.

"The real loser is the consumer who won't be able to buy anything but lead-substitute alcohol fuels and will have to watch the problems grow. With millions of older marine engines and tens of millions of cars and trucks representing billions of dollars of investment, the proposed phase-out is too much, too fast," concluded Napier.

SHINNECOCK MARLIN & TUNA CLUB WOMEN'S TOURNEY

On Saturday, August 11th, the Shinnecock Marlin and Tuna Club of Hampton Bays, hosted its first Annual Women's Billfish/Tuna Tournament. Undaunted by 10-15 kt east winds and 3 to 5 foot choppy seas, 17 member boats, crewed by over 70 participants, cleared Shinnecock Inlet at 6AM.

Although the weather was generally uncooperative, crystal trophies were awarded to: Mickey Arrow, white marlin, 49 and 46¼ lbs. Also Dorothy Macaluso, 35 lb. albacore; Toni Forchelli, 29½ lb. albacore; Catherine Foster, 16¾ lb. yellowfin, and Dee Tomlinson, 11½ lb. yellowfin.

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BARREN ISLAND SHARK CONTEST RESULTS

The 2nd Annual Barren Island Shark Tournament was held on August 4, 1984. The weather was gorgeous and a good time was had by all.

The winning boat was the charter boat Lucky Sunday, which operates from Barren Island. The first place fish was a 155 pound gray shark. Captain Bob Dunbar, George Grigas on the rod and Raymond Sharkir, mate. The fish was caught in 145 feet of water and the water temperature was 74 degrees.

The second place boat is Capi, Captain Joe Connolly, Robert Connolly on the rod, Mike Aronne on the gaff and Willie Aronne, mate. They caught an 80 lb. gray.

Trophies were awarded at the Barbecue on August 18th.

SMALL BOAT HANDLING COURSE OPEN TO EVERYONE

A 9-week, small boat handling course, sponsored by Massapequa Flotilla 13-2, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, will begin at 8PM on Wednesday, September 12, 1984 at Berner High School, Massapequa. The course is open to all persons, novice or experienced.

The two-hour lessons will include such subjects as seamanship, rules of the road, legal requirements, piloting, marlinspike, etc. All instructors are specially trained auxiliarists who volunteer their services to promote boating safety.

For further information, contact: Frank Carollo, (516) 798-7029.

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The Bluefish Committee met on July 17th to develop catch projections and allocations for 1985. The Committee's projections resulted in allocations for the FCZ commercial bluefish fishery of 1.7 million lbs. for the New England area, 8.4 million lbs. for the Mid-Atlantic Area, and 6.2 million lbs. for the South Atlantic Area. The allocations for the FCZ commercial fishery using gear other than hook and line, conventional gill nets, traps, haul seines, pound nets, and otter trawls are 34,000 lbs. for the New England Area, 924,000 lbs. for the Mid-Atlantic Area and 558,000 lbs. for the South Atlantic Area. Based on the projections and allocations, no control measures will be required during 1985. The Council accepted the Bluefish Committee's recommendations which will now be sent to the Regiona Director.

YOUNG BOATERS COURSE IN MASSAPEQUA

A free, 5-lesson New York State course for Young Boaters, ages 10-16, will be sponsored by Flotilla 13-2, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. Classes will begin at 8PM at Berner High School, Massapequa on Wednesday, September 12, 1984.

Successful completion of this course and final exam will give the boy or girl a New York State license which is mandatory for operating a power boat.

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BLUE WATER ANGLERS BLUEFISH TOURNAMENT

The Blue Water Anglers have scheduled a bluefish tourney for Saturday, Sept. 8th. It will be headquartered out of Mako Marina in Freeport and is open to boats of 17 feet in length and over. For more information, contact Ron Greco at (516) 826-0845.

SAFE BOATING COURSE OFFERED BY CITY ISLAND POWER SQUADRON

The City Island Power Squadron will once again conduct its highly successful Safe Boating Course starting Monday, Sept. 10, 1984 at 7:15PM and continuing every Monday evening for approximately 12 weeks at the City Island Community Center, 190 Fordham St., City Island, Bronx. It is open to the public for men, women and children (12 yrs. up). Some of the topics covered in this Basic course are: boat operation under normal and adverse conditions; rules of the road; equipment, charts and buoys and many more interesting subjects with the emphasis on the safety. The cost for course material is $15. If additional information is required, call Joe Burch at (212) 885-1559 or just come on September 10th.

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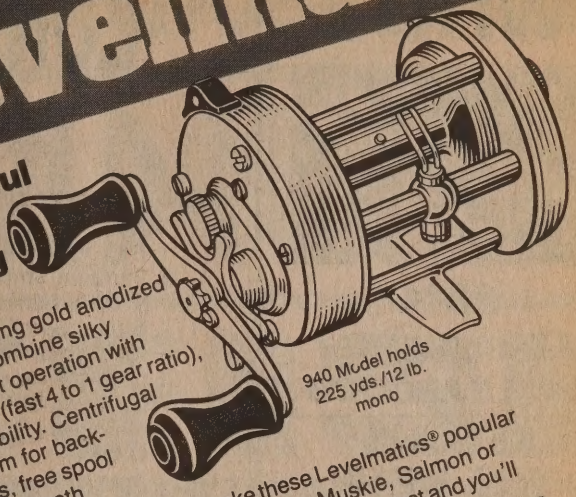

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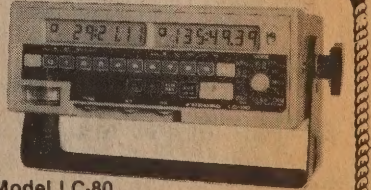

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3. Great South Bay Anglers	151	5	147	308
4. Striper Surf Club	261	20	14	295
5. Patchogue Fishing Club	63	5	145	213
6. Gateway Striper Club	105	65	32	202
7. East End Surf Club	61	5	49	115
8. Mid Island Surfcasters	34	16	20	70
9. O.T.T.O.	0	0	19	19

HEAVIEST STRIPED BASS—Individual Standings

ANGLER	WEIGHT	CLUB
1. Bob Rance	44 pounds, 0 ounces	HHSC
2. G. Mandarakas	39 pounds, 4 ounces	SSC
3. G. Dalecki	37 pounds, 0 ounces	EES

HEAVIEST BLUEFISH—Individual Standings

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1. D. Meola	5 pounds, 2 ounces	EES

HEAVIEST WEAKFISH—Individual Standings

ANGLER	WEIGHT	CLUB
1. F. Eike	14 pounds, 1 ounce	MIS
2. O. Van Helmond	11 pounds, 2 ounces	PFC
3. M. Mapes	11 pounds, 0 ounces	EES

MOST POINTS OVERALL—Individual Top 20

ANGLER	CLUB	BASS	BLUE	WEAK	TOTAL
1. F. Schwab	HHSC	208	0	33	241
2. O. Van Helmond	PFC	53	5	145	203
3. F. Golofaro	GSBA	64	0	105	169
4. W. Muller	HHSC	120	0	34	154
5. J. Augeri	GSC	33	59	0	92
6. R. Rance	HHSC	71	0	10	81
7. G. Mandarakas	SSC	60	13	7	80
8. K. Kassan	FSC	49	0	28	77
9. W. Rothwell	SSC	73	0	0	73
10. L. Gobel	SSC	70	0	0	70
11. J. McKay	GSC	61	0	8	69
12. F. Mcan	FSC	12	0	50	62
13. C. Jones	HHSC	50	0	8	58
14. T. Fitzsimmons	HHSC	40	0	12	52
15. J. Fritz	FSC	46	0	6	52
16. G. Dalecki	EES	50	0	0	50
17. W. Joseph	FSC	11	0	35	46
18. G. Butler	GSBA	30	0	9	39
19. D. Meola	EES	11	5	23	39
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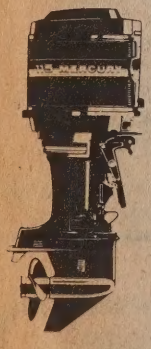

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BROILED BLUEFISH PROVENCALE

by Eileen Regina

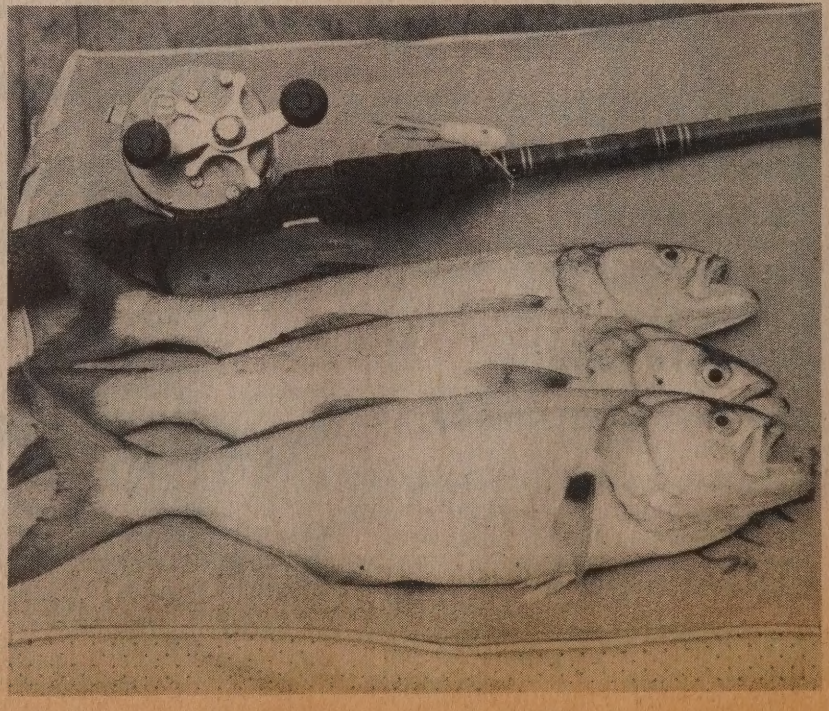
Whole bluefish are excellent broiled and a most attractive fish to serve, which makes today's recipe all that more appealing. Don't let the fancy name scare you off. This dish is simple to prepare and cooks in a jiffy—two more factors that make it so appealing to the housewife with limited time or ability. Now everyone can become an excellent cook as well as a satisfied dinner companion later on. We call this warm weather favorite:

BROILED BLUEFISH PROVENCALE
Ingredients (serves 4 to 6):
1 bluefish, about 5 or 6 lbs.
1/4 cup olive oil
2 cloves garlic, crushed
2 tbs lemon juice (or fresh lime juice)
Pinch of cayenne pepper to taste
1 tsp. paprika
1 sprig rosemary
1 sprig thyme

Have fish cleaned, carefully scaled and head removed. Cut off the fins. Rinse fish inside and out, pat dry on clean paper towel. Make 2 or 3 diagonal gashes in the skin on both sides of the fish. Mix all other ingredients except rosemary and thyme. Coat fish inside and out with the mixture and rub a little of it into each gash. Place a bit of rosemary and thyme into each gash also; the remainder into the fish cavity.

Place fish in an oiled fish-shaped or hinged basket grill, broil over medium heat, about 5 inches from the fire, turning often and brushing with the remaining marinade for about 12 to 15 minutes, or until fish is well browned and flaky. Remove fish to serving platter. Serve immediately, garnished with wedges of lemon and sprigs of fresh curly parsley.

Fresh summer vegetables go well with this recipe. Try some whole, tiny parsleyed potatoes (those little red ones are great) and whole fresh green beans, to go along with the usual crusty French bread, crisp green salad and cool white wine. A cup of capuchino with a stick of cinnamon in it and a light aperitif should make your meal a gourmet's delight. Enjoy!



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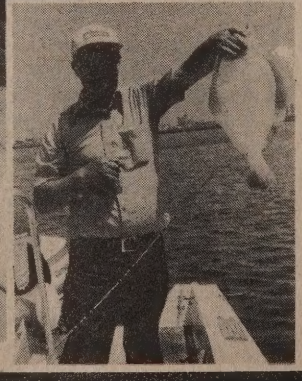

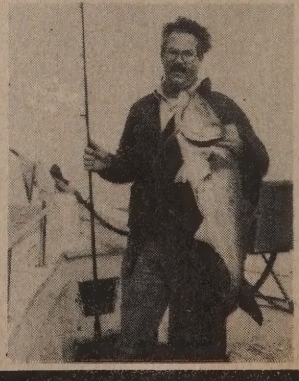

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BLUES WITH A CAPITAL "B"

by Richard Andre

Long Island's western south shore bays hold promise for tournament anglers seeking trophy blues close to home.

Like a winning hand in a poker game, four of a kind is tough to beat. For fishermen who pursue their hobby in the bays along the south shore of Long Island, such a winning combination is the four Bs: Big Bay Blues and Bunker. Put these four together and you are in for one of the most enjoyable and exciting experiences fishing has to offer. An understanding of these four components and the proper way to combine them, could result in what many fishermen dream of, but few ever realize.

The first B to be examined is the word **B**lues. Though out of order, we must consider it first because it is the ultimate objective of our efforts. Blues, or bluefish, or Pomatomus saltatrix as the scientists prefer to call them, have many other common nicknames in our region. Names such as cocktail, tailor, harbor, chopper, gorillagator, as well as several others, all refer to the same fish. The differences denoted by these various names is that of size, not species.

This brings us to the second B, **B**ig. Regardless of which nickname you choose to use, blues weighing into the teens and low twenties are Big. And it is precisely these large fish that we are dealing with.

The third B stands for the word **B**ay. More specifically, the waters that lie inside Jones Inlet all the way back to the small creeks and marshes adjacent to these bays. To the east are included waters that approach Fire Island Inlet. Similarly to the west, East Rockaway Inlet serves as a boundary marker. Fundamentally, we are dealing with all the bay areas within an approximate distance of ten miles from Jones Inlet.

Our fourth and final B, **B**unker. Sometimes called moss bunker or menhaden, these prolific fish inhabit the waters adjacent to Long Island and are extremely abundant. Their primary role in nature's plan is to provide a source of food for large bluefish, weakfish, and striped bass. Huge schools of fish from eight to twelve inches in length and sometimes weighing in excess of a pound, roam throughout the south shore bays. Virtually everyone who has ever fished these waters for fluke and flounder has been within a stone's throw of a school of bunker during some part of practically every fishing trip. Now, before you start questioning the accuracy of this statement about the abundance of bunker, it must be further stated that most fishermen are not aware of the presence of these fish even when they

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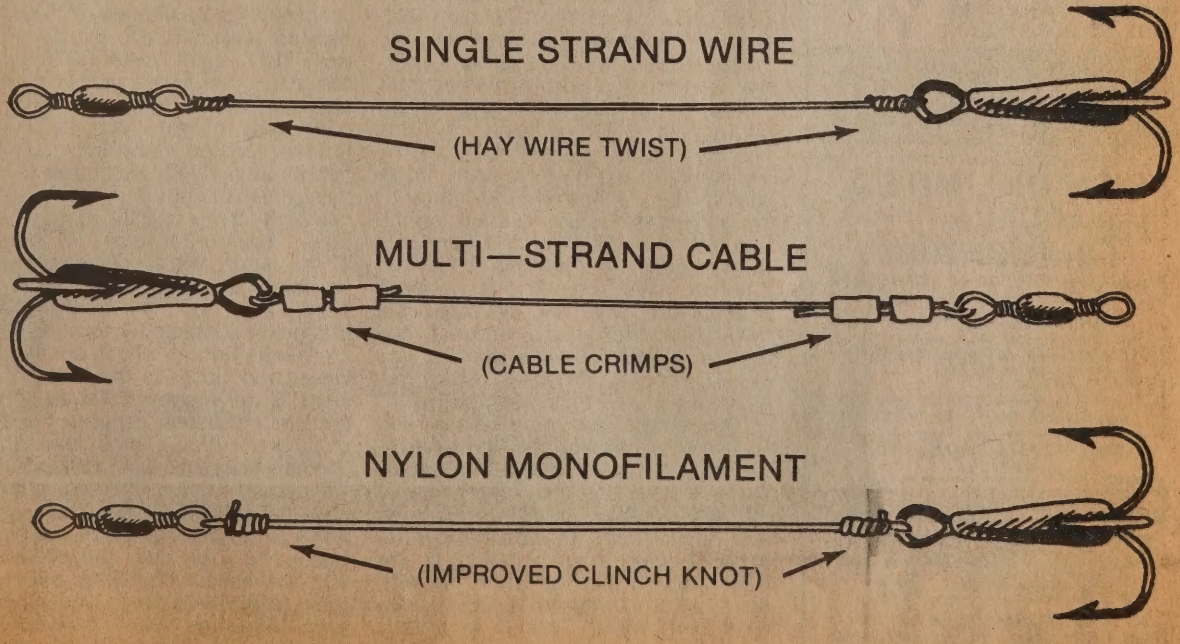

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are in the immediate area. The reason for this unawareness is that the bunker is a plankton feeder that will not take a baited hook or lure of any sort in its mouth. I have never known anyone who ever caught a bunker in the conventional way, either intentionally or incidental to other fishing. It is for this reason that the existence of this fish near fishermen is usually unnoticed.

Then how do you know if and when bunker are present? By looking, listening and smelling. You must look for the right things in the right places. A depth recorder will reveal the presence of a school of bunker. The same can be determined with a flashing type sounder if carefully monitored. Even the alarm for shallow water on a digital depth sounder can often be triggered by a school of bunker.

For the fisherman who is not equipped with electronic depth finding equipment, carefully observing the surrounding water will often achieve the same desired results. Ripples, swirls and any other surface disturbances are often due to the movements of schools of bunker swimming just below where water and air meet. Your ears can help find these fish. Have you ever heard the faint splashing sounds around you while fishing in the bay? Chances are that those occasional gentle splashes were bunker. Even your nose can help discover the whereabouts of bunker. Though not always overpowering, they do give off an odor to the air that can be detected by humans. The most often used term to describe this aroma is that of a freshly cut melon. Using these various senses, the presence of bunker can be detected by the alert fisherman.

Can bunker be used as bait to catch big blues? Absolutely! Can bunker be used as bait to catch big blues in the Bay? Usually no, but occasionally yes. And it is on these occasions that the prepared and knowledgeable fisherman can enjoy a form of fishing that will remain as a highlight of his entire angling life. The reason for this limited success in the bay is the reluctance of big blues to enter these shallow waters, and not the failure of the bunker as a prime bait. During the last few seasons, for a few weeks in the early fall, small schools of very big bluefish have roamed the western south shore bays and provided the fishing experience of a lifetime to a limited number of lucky anglers who were prepared to deal with this opportunity when it presented itself.

Two factors determine success and failure in this exceptional type of fishing. The first of these is being prepared. This is entirely in the hands of the fisherman. The second factor is, to a large extent, beyond the control of the angler, namely being in the right place at the right time. As with any type of fishing, you cannot catch what isn't there. This is especially true with big bay blues. Though smaller members of the clan can be encountered throughout much of the summer and fall, the really large fish are only available for a relatively brief period of time. This short season has generally started around the first or second week in September and lasted into the early part of October. Though a month appears long enough to expect reasonable measures of success, it is the unique feeding behavior of the fish that dramatically reduces the possibilities.

Though the fish may be in the bay for as much as a month, they are rarely in the same place for more than a few minutes at a time. Unlike fluke and flounder that enter the bays in huge numbers and spread out in virtually every segment where conditions are favorable, the big blues tend to remain in relatively small schools with very few of these schools actually entering and staying in the bay. A school of less than 100 individuals may stake out an exclusive claim to an entire area of several square miles. One day they could be found in Swift Creek near the Loop Parkway Bridge. The next day these same fish might make an appearance in the vicinity of the Jones Beach Fishing Piers. On the following day, the Four Corners by Seaford may hold them briefly. The entrance to Zachs Bay could be their next stop. The next day, who knows where the fish will go. They could turn up here, there or anywhere.

To make matters more frustrating, the amount of time these fish are in a feeding mood is usually very brief. It has been the habit of these big bay blues to eat a big breakfast and substantial dinner, and then to apparently abstain from eating for the remainder of the day and night. Unlike the blues in the ocean that seem to feed continuously for several hours at a time, these bay blues will feed two or three times a day for anywhere from 10 to 20 minutes and then seem to totally disappear. These brief periods of activity are usually in the early morning and evening, though on occasion other times of day or night also exhibit activity.

Because of this very short and limited feeding behavior, very few fishermen actively seek these fish. To do so means to put in many hours and many miles (primarily at dawn and dusk) looking for signs of activity. These signs are unmistakable when encountered. First the bluefish encircle a school of bunker which instinctively reacts by forming an increasingly tighter school, coming ever closer and closer to the surface. The sight is quite spectacular as the observant fisherman can see hundreds of bunker rubbing shoulders as they swim in a circle so close to the top that the dorsal fins and upper portions of their tails break the surface of the water. It is now that the real fireworks begin. As if on cue, the blues rush into the school chopping away with their razor-sharp teeth and powerful jaws. What the fisherman sees is an explosion of hundreds of bunker frantically flying out of the water

simultaneously in every possible direction. This scenario is usually repeated several times. And then, just as suddenly as it all started, it is all over.

It is during these few minutes of feeding frenzy that the angler has an opportunity to catch a truly memorable bluefish. If the lucky fisherman happens to be in the right place at the right time, then a few simple items of equipment is all that is needed to land that trophy fish. Rod and reel could be either conventional or spinning. What is important is the length of the line. The heavier it is, the better. Remember, these are bluefish that may weigh in excess of 20 pounds and usually average in the low to mid teens. Fish under 12 pounds simply do not travel with these particular schools. Since this encounter will probably be incidental to any other fishing you may have planned for the day, be sure to use the heaviest tackle you have along. You may be able to land one of these fish on six pound test line, but 20 pound test will increase your chances considerably with little loss in sport.

The most important piiece of terminal tackle required, and probably the only one needed, is a properly prepared snatch hook. Virtually all tackle shops sell weighted treble hooks specifically designed for this purpose. Sometimes called a bunker snare, this hook is cast into or slightly beyond the schools of bunker and is briskly retrieved. If the bunker are tightly massed at the surface, catching one for bait is easy. If not so tightly schooled together, then a bit more effort may be needed. If the bunker are too spread out to snare one, then the likelihood is that the bluefish are not feeding.

Prior to its use, the weighted treble should be properly prepared for this type of fishing. To ensure catching bunker efficiently and not just bumping them, sharpen all the points of the treble with a stone or file. The next step is to tie about a foot of heavy leader to the snatch hook. At the end of the leader connect a black barrel swivel. The leader material could be single strand wire, cable that is nylon coated or plain, or monofilament leader material. Regardless of which type you select, choose something that has a rated breaking strength of at least 60 pounds. The purpose of this leader is protection from the teeth of the big blues. Unlike fishing snagged bunker for weakfish and bass, a large bluefish will easily cut through your line if he gets it in his mouth. And that is precisely what usually happens when these bay blues are feeding on bunker. As soon as you snag a bunker it starts to behave differently than the others. It becomes the primary target of the bluefish. More often than not, a blue will attack that bunker while you are attempting to reel it in. During these feeding periods, the choppers are not line shy and the presence of a large weighted treble and a length of heavy leader does not discourage the fish. Since these feeding frenzies are often very short, it does not pay to transfer the bunker to another line. Snag it and let it swim. Chances are a bluefish will take it before you could bring it in anyway.

The final piece of equipment needed is a gaff. It need not be large nor long, for bluefish are relatively slender and even a 20 pounder is difficult to gaff with anything wider than four inches across the point. Even if you only intend to flounder or fluke fish, a small gaff should be carried. You never know when some unexpexted large fish may decide to accept a bait meant for something else.

Big Bay Blues on Bunker is one aspect of our sport that few anglers experience, though the potential for the fish of a lifetime is there. If you fish the bays along the western south shore of Long Island, then by all means prepare yourself. You could happen upon a school of these fish feeding on bunker. A couple of weighted treble hooks rigged with heavy leaders and swivels take up very little room in your tackle box. Without this relatively inexpensive piece of terminal tackle, the likelihood of taking these fish is slight at best. So be prepared and by all means keep your eyes, ears, and nostrils tuned to the signs that may lead to the fish of a lifetime.

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BACK TO SCHOOL ON BLUES

by Brian Mulholland

A good angler in his own right, the author learns some new tricks in the bluefish jigging game.

I recently had an informative experience on a Captree party boat during a day trip for bluefish. The trip itself was awful. The bluefish, though large, were closed-mouthed (possibly because the moon was full) and even the mates could do no better than a few fish apiece. The weather was poor, and I and many other passengers suffered from bouts of seasickness.

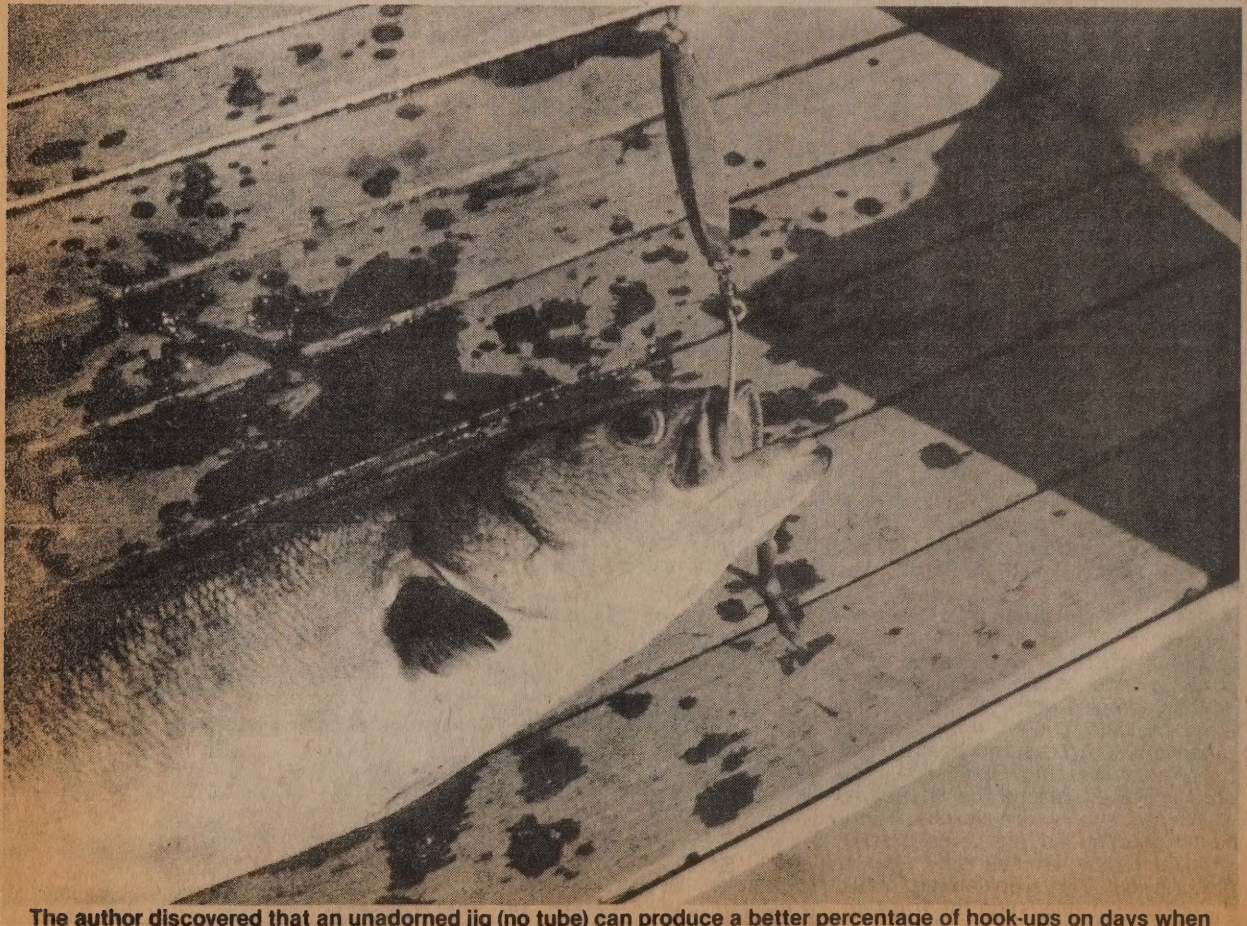
I had a space about three or four anglers downhill from the starboard bow. That particular corner of the boat was occupied by a very competent angler who had come armed with the trademark equipment of a serious party boat fisherman: heavy rods built on cut down surf blanks and high quality casting reels—in this case, a pair of Newell 235Ms.

The standard lure in use was a four ounce diamond with a green tube tail. After the angler in question had two fast hits and missed both of them, he removed the tube and fished his diamond jig unadorned. When I asked why, he told me amiably that he thought the fish were being more cautious than usual, and striking so tentatively that they only touched the end of the tube before turning away. Under those circumstances, a bare hook provided a better chance of a hookup.

The rest of his performance was similarly sophisticated. His equipment was, as noted, exactly what an extremely competent fisherman would choose if party boat bluefishing were his chief goal. He had brought two outfits so as to lose no time in undoing backlashes. When one occurred, the outfit was thrust on the nearest mate while the angler himself continued fishing.

This kind of careful approach is worth imitating. Jigging for bluefish is so easy to do that anglers forget that everything we do is done better when done with care and attention. Why should jigging be any different?

There are a couple of areas where party boat anglers could improve their



The author discovered that an unadorned jig (no tube) can produce a better percentage of hook-ups on days when blues lack their usual aggression.

catch with a little attention. Tackle that casts well is a necessity, since many days offshore feature a strong breeze that gives the boat a very fast drift. You've got to be able to use an underhand lob into the drift to give your jig a chance to sink. If you don't, you'll only catch anglers on the other end of the boat.

"Heaving and hauling," the Montauk practice of keeping a boat over structure while bouncing a jig off the bottom and letting it flutter in the current, can also be practiced—to an extent. If you are on the windward side of a drift, drop down to the bottom, make half a dozen fast turns, and then retrieve slowly or not at all for a few moments, letting the jig flutter in the current, until you either drop down again or retrieve completely. Since bluefish are more often than not at the bottom of the water column, this is usually making better use of the drift than cranking all the way to the top. Another thing worth trying is a large white bucktail. A bucktail heavy enough to reach bottom (at least three ounces, even on 20 pound line) is a workable alternative to diamonds if the latter prove unproductive, especially if garnished with a strip bait or pork rind. Most bucktail jigs are too small for such ocean fishing, so you may have to check a couple of shops to find them.

Jig size is another matter that gets ignored. A four ounce jig is usually standard for party boaters from Captree and points west. But you don't have to go to Montauk to the find the occasional need for a heavier jig, and you needn't fish Long Island Sound to justify having a couple of one or two ounce jigs in the tackle box. A smaller jig may give you a better presentation in very clear water, or be a better match if the bait is small. Also, if you are interested in bonito as opposed to big bluefish, the smaller jigs will often produce better.

I've been experimenting with taking bluefish on a large teaser of white feathers and silver tinsel tubing on 6/0 or 9/0 long shank hooks. It works quite well at times. I fish the teaser on a leader of 60 pound mono tied into the running line two feet above a sinker. The teaser gets fewer hits than a jig, but it is much harder for a bluefish to throw the hook. The sinker's weight is several feet away and the characteristic head-shaking of bluefish doesn't give them the leverage they get against a jig.

One last item that the bluefish "jigger" might remember is—bait. A couple of smelt or tinker mackerel or small bunker (use two hooks for whole baitfish, please) are easy enough to come by, and not an unreasonable expense when measured against the $30 of a day's outing. Bait can be disproportionately useful in situations where the bluefish are closed-mouthed about diamond jigs. And I sure wish I'd had those smelt (as well as a prescription for scopalamine anti-seasickness ear pads) on the trip I've just described.

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ON TOP OF THE BLUEFISH GAME

by Fred Golofaro

The popper creeped ahead, gurgling a bloop each time its concave head was allowed to settle below the surface. Its rhythmic journey was shattered by a sudden explosion as a teen-sized blue crashed the offering. The fish revealed itself in a head-shaking aerial display that mimicked the best of any tarpon.

It was September and we were plugging the fringes of Fire Island Inlet's West Bar, but the odds were good that similar scenes were being repeated in neighboring inlets to the east and west.

Few inshore thrills can match the explosive strike of a big blue on a surface plug, yet, amazingly enough, few boatmen take advantage of this exciting sport. Other methods will put more fish in the box but I'll take one big blue on a plug to every ten on an umbrella rig any day. Baitfishing ensures a higher ratio of fish landed, particularly when you're talking about slammers that may approach the 20 pound mark, but it, too, lacks the thrills that plugging provides.

The past two seasons have seen the first big blues show in the inlets and in neighboring channels sometime around the first or second week of September. During October and well into November, the action becomes concentrated nearer the inlet mouths, on inlet bars, and along the ocean beaches bordering these inlets. Surf fishermen have been the primary beneficiaries of these late fall runs only because few boatmen are aware of the potential for action. Many anglers confine their bluefishing to the summer months, despite the fall fishing far outshining the summer fishery in every aspect of the game, including quality, quantity and consistency.

Terns and gulls wheeling and diving over an area or schools of baitfish like mullet and bunker moving on the surface in an agitated state are sure signs that blues are around. Much of this fishing can be done blind, however. Working the white water of inlet bars from the calmer waters bordering the slop will often produce fish. Similarly, working calm pockets such as are found alongside the jetties that mark these inlets will regularly produce "blind" action during the fall. Since bass and weaks share much of the same territory as blues and will strike similar lures

(weakfish on popping plugs are the exception to this though a few are caught on them each season), a mixed catch of blues and bass, or weaks, is not an unusual occurrence.

Lure selection can be kept to a minimum since when big blues are on the feed, they are not likely to be too selective. Standard popping plugs such as those manufactured by Atom, Creek Chub or Cotton Cordell will do the job, but my preference is for pencil poppers. Linesider and Stan Gibbs both make good ones. When the fish are big and not feeding very aggressively, it's tough to beat a slowly worked, metal-lipped, surface swimmer. I like the medium and large versions of Don Musso's Super Strike line as well as the Danny Plug. Long-standing plastic favorites like the Junior Atom and Atom 40 also perform admirably for this type of work.

White and silver finished plugs have always produced well for me, but you may want to add a few blue finished plugs to your arsenal for those days when mullet are the primary baitfish. Bass in particular show a fondness for blue plugs when feeding on mullet.

Since you'll be tossing plugs in the two to three ounce range for fish that may average 12 to 15 pounds on some days, a rod with a little bit of backbone is called for. My favorite is an old Lamiglas 9½ foot surf blank, cut down six inches from each end and fitted with a conventional casting reel. Penn's 970 Mag and Shimano's BMG 50 have worked well on this rod when spooled with 20 pound mono. Most anglers will opt for spinning gear and here again, rod in the 8 to 9 foot range should be standard. Reels similar in size to the Penn 704Z and spooled with 15 pound mono will handle the appropriate lures and big blues comfortably.

A few other items worthy of mention include filing or squeezing down the barbs on all your hooks. The purpose is twofold as the safety factor improves considerably when two or three anglers are throwing plugs that are often armed with two or three sets of treble hooks. Also, removing the hooks from the tooth-filled maw of a slammer blue becomes a much easier task.

Where terminal tackle is concerned, I prefer to stay away from wire leaders unless the fish are in a real feeding frenzy. In most cases, the body of the plug absorbs the dental punishment from a bluefish and the leader never comes into contact with the fish's mouth. There will be times when the water is extremely clear and the fish a little fussier than usual. A 40 pound mono leader will often result in more strikes and a greater percentage of hook-ups.

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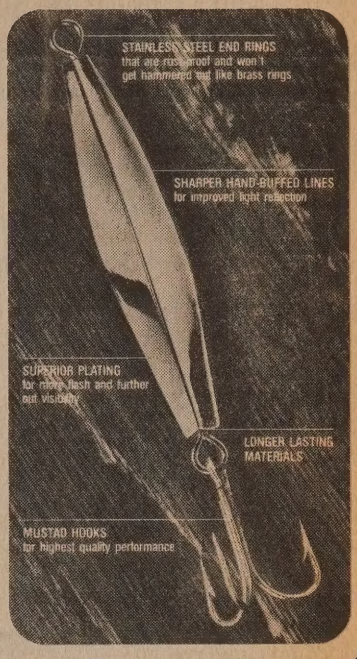
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SPEED MERCHANTS WITH FINS!

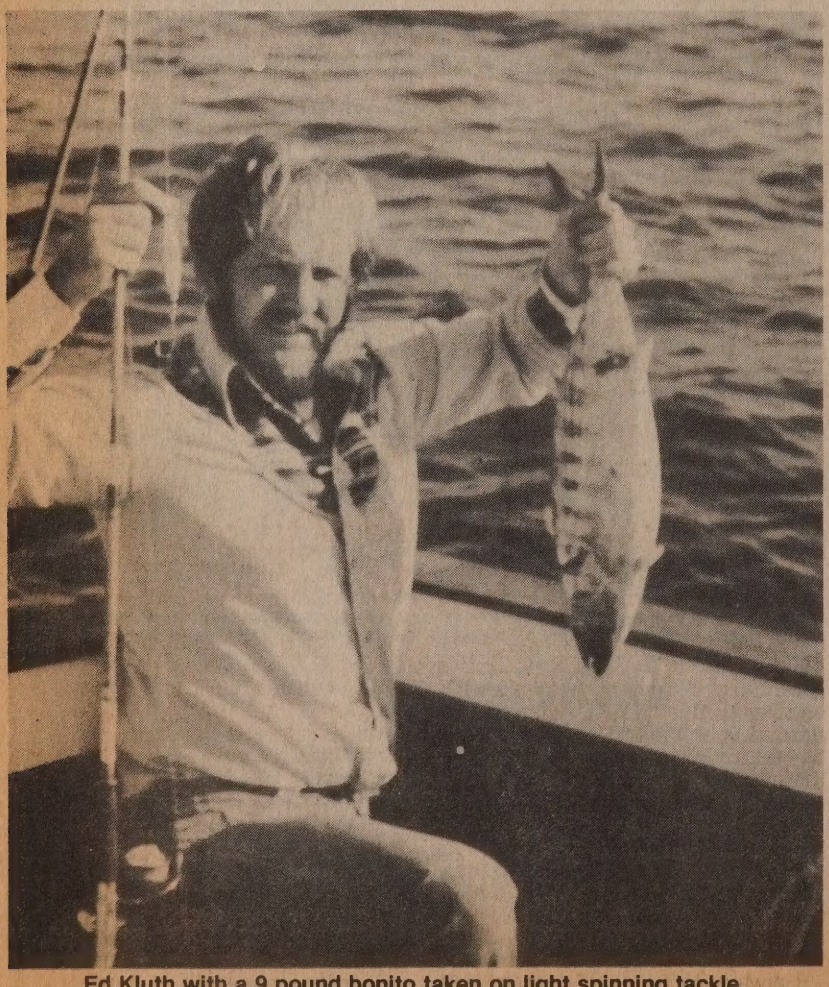
by Russ Wilson

Here's a light tackle fish that will get your attention. And, as a plus, bonito are good to eat!

Although trolling is a very effective method of separating the bonito from their watery homes, it is not the most enjoyable way to catch these speed demons. For my money the only way to fish for bonito is with light tackle and the best way to accomplish this is to use some type of chum slick to attract the hungry bonito to your baited hooks.

I've been chumming for bonito for more than a dozen years and have yet to find a fish that is more sporty to catch or more eager to attack a bait or lure that looks like it is something good to eat. That's why I usually spend a lot of time fishing the structure areas during August and September. The chance of doing battle with bonito always comes first in this reporter's itinerary and I do not hesitate a moment when someone mentions a bonito trip.

Bonito chumming is not at all like setting a slick for blue sharks or tuna. If you use too much chum you will accomplish nothing but to feed the fish you're hoping will hit your bait or lures. By the same token, too little chum and you do not bring the fish to your boat. If you hope to fool these keen-eyed fish you have to use a touch of finesse in your fishing tackle, the baits, hooks and how you lay out the chum slick.



Ed Kluth with a 9 pound bonito taken on light spinning tackle.

I'll normally use the "automatic" chummer when fishing for blues, but when I want bonito I use the chum very sparingly. This means doling it out by the scoopful and watering it down to the point where it is virtually a mixture of mostly sea water with only a scant trace of ground-up menhaden (bunker) to give it scent and to cause an oily slick to form on the surface.

There is a definite reason for using a weak chum slick. If you chum too heavily you will attract bluefish along with the bonito. And, because you must use light tackle and no heavy leaders when fishing for bonito, you will lose a lot of hooks to the bluefish.

I prefer a fishing rod which has sufficient backbone to work a fish, but not so heavy that it limits their fighting ability. A three or four pound bonito is certainly no match for a 20 pound class rod. However, a fish of this size is perfectly matched to a freshwater type baitcasting outfit or to a trout outfit which is capable of holding a couple hundred yards of six or eight pound test line.

We normally carry a couple of medium weight popping style rods and a couple of six to seven foot spinning outfits when planning a day of bonito chumming. Generally we fill the mid-size reels with clear monofilament (or the new Berkley Trilene Green) in six, eight or ten pound test. Hook styles vary among each individual, but most experienced bonito fishermen agree that the short shank style #2, 1/0 or 2/0 is sufficiently strong to hold the largest bonito you are likely to encounter when fishing the Jersey Coast.

I prefer the tuna style hook. For several years we've been using a Mustad hook in a bronze finish. This color hook is less visible to the keen-eyed bonito and due to its short shank it can be hidden in the bait, which adds to its effectiveness.

Bonito will feed upon a variety of

natural baits including the ever present sand eel, spearing, live killies, smelts, butterfish, thin strips of squid and, of course, strips cut from a bunker or mackerel.

All of the above mentioned baits are of a size that will match up with the short shank style tuna hooks. And, usually you will note a definite preference shown by the bonito from one day to the next; so it pays to carry several different baits for those days when the fish are being choosy about what they eat.

You can get extremely technical when it comes to chumming techniques. I find that chumming correctly is a matter of doing it often. Once you get the hang of dipping and tossing a scoop of chum at set intervals you will notice an immediate improvement in your catch. It sounds simple and it is, but as with any endeavor, it takes a little practice to master.

Fishing a chum slick is easier to learn. All you really have to do is allow the baits to drift back in the slick in as natural a manner as is possible. When there is a strong current running, you can drop a bait in the slick and watch it as it drifts back with the chum. If it is sinking faster than the chum there is not much you can do to change it, other than to go with lighter hooks or smaller baits. However, when your baits are dropping back at a much higher level than the chum you can add a rubber core (Water Gremlin is probably the most well known brand) of sufficient weight to cause the bait to drift slower and deeper.

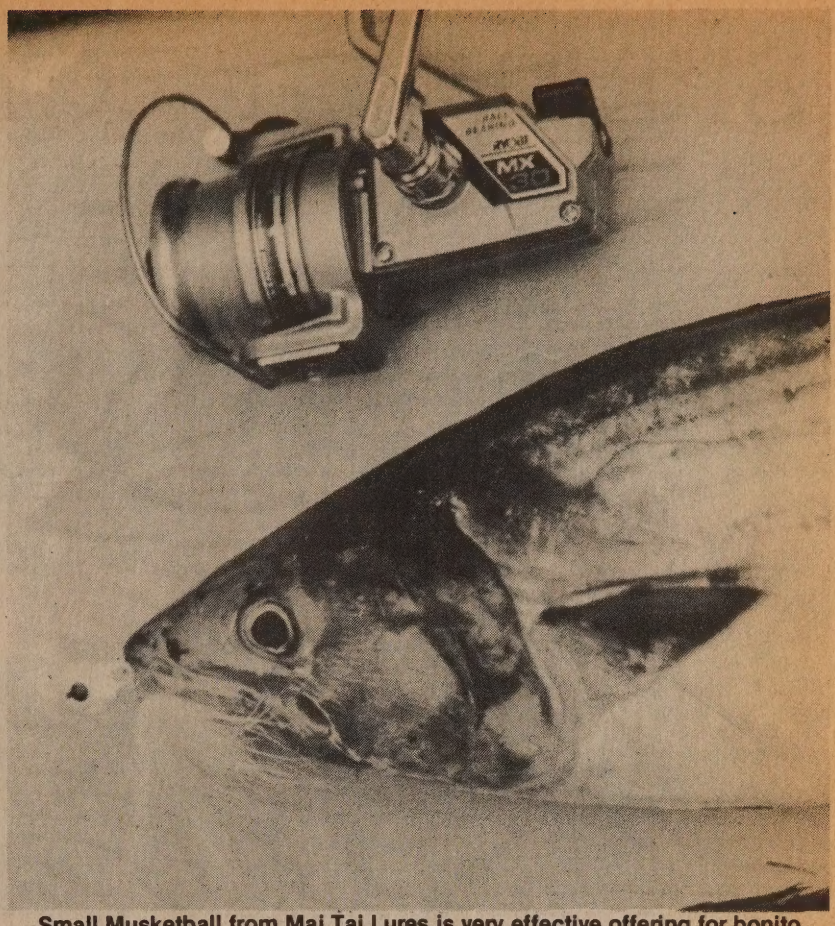
Hits will come "lightning" fast. A bonito does not waste time when he decides to eat. One second your bait will be drifting along and in the blink of an eye, it will just disappear and the line will go zipping away as the torpedo-shaped bonito makes its bid for freedom.

As a rule I use a conventional style revolving spool reel when fishing in a chum slick. The free spool feature allows a more natural bait presentation and when a hit does come all I have to do is spin the reel handle and engage the gears.

You can accomplish the same result with spinning tackle, but it is not as fool proof as casting gear. However, a lot of experienced bonito fishermen do use spinning and they catch just as many fish as do those using conventional equipment.

Baits must appear natural as they are fed back to the waiting fish. I will generally peel off a few feet of line, allow it to drift the bait back until I feel a slight tension, and then repeat the process until I eventually receive a hit or the bait is too far back in the slick. Some days this means allowing 100 or 150 feet of line to play out and at other times, it may be more effective to keep the bait presentation at lesser lengths, say 50 to 100 feet.

You will have no doubt when a fish hits. Bonito do everything fast, including eating on the run. When they smack a bait they are going full



Small Musketball from Mai Tai Lures is very effective offering for bonito when used with light tackle.

bore and the hook is automatically set. All you have to do is hang on and give or take line as the fish allows.

The majority of the time you will be busy for quite awhile. Bonito do not tire easily and quite often you will be fighting the same fish for 15 to 20 minutes, depending on its size and the tackle you are using. Heavyweight tackle will, of course, tame a fish much sooner than will the ultralight gear used by most bonito aficionados.

Probably the hardest part of catching bonito is locating the schools of fish. The Atlantic bonito is a fish of the open seas and is generally on the move constantly as it travels from one area to another in search of food. Structure will usually hold the largest concentrations of fish and for that reason alone it pays to focus on the known structure if you hope to enjoy good bonito fishing.

Bonito are excellent table fare when handled properly. They are a soft fleshed fish, which means they must be kept on ice or in a cool spot from the minute they are boated until you clean and fillet them. Far too often, unknowing anglers catch a mess of bonito and just let them lay in an uninsulated fish box or on the deck where they bake in the hot sun for several hours. By the time those fish are cleaned, they are virtually unfit for human consumption.

I always carry a cooler filled halfway with ice. As each fish is brought to the boat and unhooked, it is placed in the cooler where it will remain fresh and cold until I return to the dock and break out the fillet knives.

Incidentally, I've established the fact that bonito will eat a variety of natural baits, but have said little about the use of artificial lures when seeking the pint size speed merchants. You can catch bonito on lures. I've enjoyed excellent results when casting a lightweight bucktail or diamond jig back into the chum slick. A few lures that have paid dividends in past seasons are the Mai Tai Musketball, Andrus half ounce bucktails in white, the Garcia Flaskbuck (no longer produced, but still found at some out of the way tackle shops), the Ultimus diamond or the Spider diamond in the 007 size, Bridgeport diamonds in the smallest size available, and last, but not least, the old-fashioned Jap feathers in red and white or black and white.

A lot of otherwise knowledgeable fishermen fail to catch bonito when using artificial lures because they do not work the offering fast enough. As we've said, bonito travel at flank speed. They also feed at high speed.

Anyway you look at it, these fish are great fun to catch on the lightweight tackle and, when properly prepared they are a seafood treat that is hard to beat.

FALL AT WEST END

PART ONE—THE OCEAN

by Carl Buxbaum

The stringer felt heavy with the weight of three mid-sized bluefish as I lifted it and climbed onto the rocks where the surf line met the jetty. The blues had fallen for a small, chrome popper while I worked the ocean from the West End 2 parking field at Jones Beach to the breakwater. Pleased with the catch, I began casting a five inch jointed Rebel into the inlet from the jetty. The sky had turned red as the sun dipped below the September horizon. A southwest wind combined with a flooding tide to complicate casting and provide a good soaking. Although the casts were made uptide, at about a 45 degree angle, the plug was rapidly swept to the right. As the sky turned from red to gray, with the plug way down to the right, about five feet from being snared by the rocks, I felt a solid hit. In short order a small striper was at my feet. Today, I would release a bass that size, without hesitation. But that was my first striper, years ago. I wanted to keep and admire it—to show it to my family and serve it whole on a platter. My prayers were answered. One thumb held the end of a tape measure to its snout, while I read 19-1/8 inches at the fork of the tail—short today, but okay back then.

Now, I chase around to all the glamour spots but still fish the area where I learned the basics of surf-casting. Because it's close to home, I manage to get in two or three after work sessions a week during the fall. This persistent effort has convinced me that West End is underrated by many casters. Time after time, fantastic fishing has been had there, and not a word of it appeared in the fishing reports. There are a few reasons for this under-reporting. First, the regulars are a secretive, tight-lipped lot. Some sneak off to favorite haunts under the cover of darkness, and the curious may walk miles of beach without meeting them. The only trace of these anglers is the vehicles left behind. Second, there is no single tackle shop nearby where a fish may be conveniently put on the scales. So, many shops hear tid-bits or see fish which present a fragmentary picture of the action, obscuring the full story. Third, the area is so extensive, and offers such a wide variety of fishing situations, that it is possible to be on the scene and not know of a blitz taking place a mile down the beach or around a bend only 100 yards or so away. Every West End caster really takes it on the jaw, at one time or another, when after a long session at a spot sure to produce, he drags himself back to the parking field fishless. There, he sees other loading big choppers, cow bass, or hefty tiderunners into their cars.

There is no guarantee of fish at West End 2, but don't be discouraged by the lack of good fishing reports.

Some frustration will result from the number of choices to be made among different fishing situations. But having those choices is one of the big attractions of this area. It is usually possible to avoid crowds and to suit different personal moods—from casting into the crashing surf to using light tackle on quiet waters. The area may be divided into four sections. Each requires its own tackle and fishing strategy for best results and greatest pleasure. The first section to be discussed is the ocean surf, from directly in front of the parking field to a spot called the "pocket," where the breakwater marks the intersection of the curling waves and the inlet currents. Part II of this article deals with the jetty. The third part explores some secrets to success in Jones Inlet, and the final item in the series reviews the opportunities available in the State Channel, on the north side of this barrier beach.

Only after walking back to the car, on a return trip from the "pocket," does the surfcaster appreciate what a long stretch of productive beach has been covered. The area is constantly changing under the influence of an unrelenting, pounding surf. Winter storms produce drastic shifts in the bottom contour, and more modest changes occur throughout the season. Nonetheless, there is nearly always a large, firm sand bar out there with a few fish attracting sluiceways cut through by retreating waves. These channels can sometimes be located by observing differences in wave action, noting currents in the water slipping back to sea, or by variations in degrees of water clarity. Less experienced anglers may find it simpler to look for congregations of other casters, especially those using bait, who gather at such prime locations. Big, lazy fish—particularly stripers—tend to lurk on the far side edges of these cuts waiting for meals to be washed through the funnel. The ocean beach here, however, is mainly bluefish territory, and the angler should act accordingly. It is not necessary to shove into a crowd at one of these spots to be successful. Blues tend to cruise up and down the beach. Bluefish also means that good action can be had during daylight.

At or near high tide fish may be found anywhere in the trough between the beach and the parallel sand bar. As the tide turns and begins to drop, many anglers do well by moving closer to the sluiceways. My most consistent success, however, was when fishing from the bar. On a dropping tide I keep inching further into the suds, probing for the first opportunity to wade through the trough without getting dunked. By low water, I can be found casting from the bar's outer edge and holding my ground until doubt sets in about making it back to the beach in an upright position. For the past few years I've taken choppers up to 18 pounds, with remarkable regularity, in this manner. I must admit, though, to having missed a few opportunities by allowing my enthusiasm for the bar to get me out there too soon or to linger too long. More than a few times a novice in sneakers, casting a tin from dry land, set his hook in a fish that was swimming behind me. Action on the bar does improve somewhat closer to the cuts. But move to those spots only in desperation. Often, as the cut is approached, the bar turns to a loose suspension of sand that can suck an angler in up to his hips. Also, the power of the receding water rushing through these gaps can sweep the caster off his tenuously planted feet. Caution is required.

A selection of tins and poppers that are regular producers at West End 2.

"The pocket," near the breakwater, used to be an excellent location, especially when a combination of wind, wave action, and littoral sweep was filling it with hapless forage fish. It was a prime spot for schoolie stripers. But that same pressure of the sea also piled a good deal of sand into the area during the past few years. What remains is a long, shallow shelf. In any event, it's still a good spot on the last of the outgoing tide and the turn, when wading out nearer the edge of the shelf is possible. The caster finds himself standing in turbulent, white water, unusally close to the end of the jetty.

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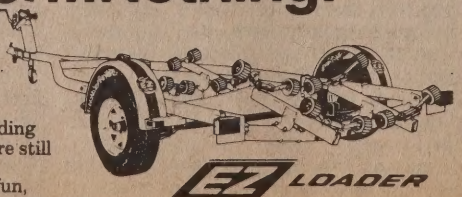

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The shelf seems to be shaped like a wedge, neatly shoved into the perpendicular angle formed by the jetty and the beach. Therefore, the edge of the shelf is similar to a curved line, drawn from the breakwater's tip eastward to a spot roughly 150 yards down the beach. As the caster moves away from the rocks, his lures can reach the dropoff, where the shelf ends, without having to wade out so far. My preference is to fish close to the jetty while the tide is still falling and work the swirling eddy caused by the water rushing out of the inlet. When the tide turns, gradually move left and back, at an angle following the edge of the shelf. The surf is rough in this spot, and few fishermen can hold their ground for long against rising water. But, by retreating to the beachward end of the shelf, anglers can reach productive water, with long casts, from the wash.

The most popular and effective lures for daylight action are tins, such as large Kastmasters, Hopkins No-Eqls, and J 8s. Almost any tin will outperform others at one time or another, and a good variety should be at hand. Make sure to have a few that get down deep, quickly. For the past couple of seasons, especially after mid-October, the biggest fish and the most seemed to be hugging bottom. They responded to tins dragged slowly through the sand with a periodic twitch of the rod tip. One day, bluefish seemed to hit as the tin was sinking, before the retrieve began, or as it was lifted in preparation for the next cast. I experimented by interrupting the slow retrieve with a lift of the rod and three or four rapid turns of the reel crank. The technique was lethal, and it proved itself on other days as well. Fish hit as the tin raced off the bottom or during its descent after the short burst of speed.

Tins usually come equipped with bucktail dressed hooks. A few have feathers, instead. But the Tri-Fin Spoon Jig and some others provide surgical tube teasers. These tubes often made the difference between success and failure during the 1982 season. By 1983 many casters had converted a portion of their tin arsenals, replacing the standard tail hook arrangements with tubes. White, red, and green were reported to be the best colors. But the preferences of the fish seemed to change from day to day. I had a couple of good sessions with a J-8 to which a black tube was added. Last season, however, the tubes did not stand out as consistently better than bucktail teasers. Nonetheless, there are those days, and it pays to have a couple of tubed tins in your bag at West End.

Now, you're hardly enjoying bluefishing unless a few are taken on poppers. Always give them a try—even when there are no signs of surface feeding. A most memorable experience was a day when no fish were on the beach. I had worked my way around other casters from the parking field to about 3/4 of the

distance to the jetty, walking and casting. The bait fishermen had nothing, nor had the tin slingers landed a fish. But a blue, of about eight pounds, jumped clear out of the water and seized my popper from above. What a sight! Generally, chrome seems to be the most productive finish in poppers here. I've done particularly well with one made by Creek Chub. Usually, however, tin does better, and the really big fish don't seem to rise for poppers very often.

When it comes to the biggest fish, bait seems to have the edge. Live eels and bunker or mackerel, in chunks or strips, anchored by five or six ounce pyramid sinkers on fish finder rigs, obviously take the most choppers over 15 pounds.

With the exception of some bait fishermen holding dreams of cow bass, this beach is abandoned by most casters after dark. Those dedicated to night fishing appear to move off to the jetty, the inlet, or the State Channel with the hopes of plugging a big striper. Sometimes, they are making a mistake. First, the guys using live eels do sometimes fulfill their dreams on the ocean beach. Second, much of the best plugging action I've had has been in "the pocket," at low tide, in the middle of the night—all alone. At times, the area is filled with large schools of weakfish. Later in the season, huge choppers turn up with regularity and sometimes hefty stripers.

Rough surf conditions and the need for long casts here, usually make the swimming minnow type plugs ineffective. But slow moving bottle plugs, darters and white or yellow painted tins, will often pay off. The two ounce bottle plug, in particular, has taken many bragging size fish here—both from "the pocket" and along the sand bar.

These fishing conditions and the weights to be cast require sturdy tackle and line of, at least, 15 to 20 pound test. The long cast really pays off, though, and in order to gain distance, an angler may want to drop down to 12 pound line and add a 30 pound shock leader. A surgeon's knot makes a lasting splice. I've been very pleased with this arrangement on both 11½ and 10 foot medium action rods for a couple of seasons.

Another helpful piece of equipment here is a surf gaff. When fishing from the beach at high tidal stages, it's fairly easy to work with the waves and ride a fish onto shore. At low water or when out on the sand bar, however, a big fish will probably be lost while being hauled over long stretches of bottom in a few inches of water. At such times, the gaff is a valuable asset.

Anyone who fishes the ocean surf at West End will sooner or later be tempted to try the jetty. It's not just curiosity, either. It's the guys who come off the rocks with stripers of 15 to 30 pounds in tow. They get to you.

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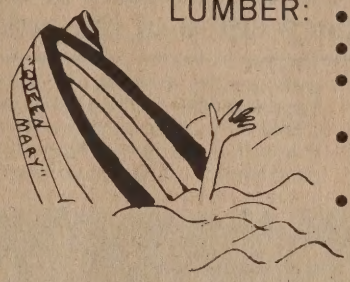

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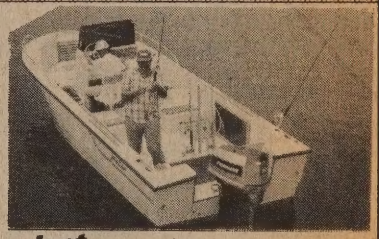

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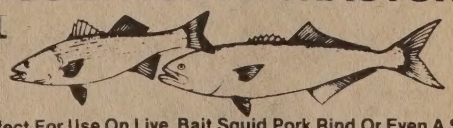

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LAKE RONKONKOMA LARGEMOUTHS

by Tom Schlichter

Long Island's largest body of freshwater has the potential to produce some of the area's biggest black bass.

The biggest largemouth bass I've ever seen was a fish that my father hooked in Lake Ronkonkoma several years ago. Novice bass fishermen at the time, we were just about to call it quits for the night as a thunderstorm began to brew on the western horizon. In our 17 foot canoe, we were roughly a hundred yards out from the large sand bluff that used to border the east side of the lake and the paddle back to the launching ramp at Victory Drive was sure to take a good ten minutes.

Special regulations in effect on the lake require that all bass between 11 and 15 inches be released. Gripping these fish by the lower jaw is the easiest way to remove your hooks without harming the fish.

As the wind began to gust, we realized that we had spent a little too much time on the water and would be very lucky to make it back without getting drenched by the impending rain. I reeled in my night crawler bait while my dad hoisted the brick anchor that held us in place. He then set about taking in his line as I held the canoe steady against the wind. With his line halfway up to the boat, a small perch jumped on the worm, impaling itself on the hook. At the same time, the wind began to gust heavily, grabbing the bow and spinning the canoe in a circle. My father set down his rod—perch still in the water—and quickly grabbed his oar to help steady the craft. With matters back under control, he went to bring in the perch only to discover that something much bigger was now at the end of his line.

The huge fish steamed off, making three or four powerful runs. I'm not quite sure, but I think my father was using six pound test line and the strain on the light outfit was considerable. I remember him yelling at me to keep the bow into the wind as I struggled to keep the canoe in place. The fish seemed to be tiring now, and so was I as the wind was now gusting up to 20 knots. All of a sudden, about 10 or 12 feet from the boat the bass exploded from the water. Almost as if on ABC super slow motion, the fish shook his head from side to side several times, seeming to hang at the top of his jump for the longest time. It was the type of picture you expect to see when Roland Martin hooks up on a TV show. After what seemed an eternity, the bass slapped back into the water and the look on my father's face said what words could not: the broken line laid limply on the water's surface.

We sat there quietly drifting for a minute or two while I halfheartedly tried to keep the bow into the wind. With a shake of his head, my dad picked up his paddle and powered us home. The sight of that fish has burned vividly in my mind ever since that day. We were both convinced that the fish had to have topped eight pounds, but now it's just another version of "the one that got away."

But not all the big bass in this lake escape to become fish stories. Plenty of three and four pounders fall to the regulars and virtually every summer, a few fish of seven pounds or better are brought to the scales.

Ever since the first time I fished Lake Ronkonkoma, this body of water has had a special allure to me. Somehow or other, I have always believed that this lake contains many more large bass than most fishermen would think. Maybe it's because of the lake's size that I feel that way. Lake Ronkonkoma is far and away Long Island's largest freshwater body covering more than 229 acres. Or perhaps it is due to the great depths of this lake (over 60 feet), compared to others on the Island. Whatever the reason, I know of more seven and eight pound bass pulled from this lake than any other.

The key to taking large bass here lies in the use of large baits. As anyone who has fished this lake knows, Ronkonkoma is cursed with a tremendous population of stunted yellow and white perch, not to mention sunnies and other small panfish. Naturally, these little guys serve as the basis of the big-mouth's diet. With dinner so readily available to the object of our pursuit, it is imperative that your offering stick out like a sore thumb to attract the bass' attention. Also, the use of large lures or baits will discourage small pests from jumping on your offering before a larger predator has an opportunity to move in and will present a more visible target in Ronkonkoma's murky waters.

Although the fish mentioned at the start of this article took a small, live perch, I find artificials more productive on this particular lake. That can probably be attributed to the way they stand out when compared to the baitfish in the lake. As with most bass fishermen these days, I depend on jellyworms to do most of my work. Nine inch versions in black or purple are the best as smaller sized worms will get you almost continuous pecks from the perch. What can you say about jellyworms that hasn't been said already? They are simply the most versatile bass lure ever created. You can fish them deep, at midlevels or on the surface. All three methods can be applied at this location. In general, however, I like to fish the worms in shallow water rigged Texas style, especially along the north side of the lake.

Large Rebels or Rapalas also work well. As with the worms, try to keep away from the small sizes. Black jointed Rebels in the 4½ inch size are most productive but gold has its days, too. These lures work best in the shallow sections of the lake. Try casting them into the reeds on the north side or along any shallow weed beds. Good catches are also frequently recorded by those who troll the shoreline. Again, the reeds along the north side are a favorite location. Try to troll as close to the edge as practical and you may even be surprised by one of the large pickerel which inhabit this area.

Some type of deep diver or crankbait such as the "Mud Bug" by Arbogast should also be included in your arsenal. These can be reeled quickly so that they dive to a depth of 15 or 20 feet when the fish are holding in deeper water. Another trick which works well with these type lures is to cast them towards sandy beach shores and crank them back to the deeper water. In this instance, the lure will continue to descend, all the while following the bottom contour. This can be deadly on the bass in the early morning.

The entire shoreline of Lake Ronkonkoma can be productive on any given day. There are also several shoals as well as plenty of breaks and fast depth changes in the lake's bottom. If you are new to this body of water you'll have to put in some time before you discover the more productive spots.

I usually start my day working shallow water and move progressively deeper as the day wears on. In the evenings, I reverse this trend, starting in the deep water and working toward shore. This way, I'm most likely working in the water most comfortable to the fish.

Launching facilities are available at the Victory Drive entrance, although car top craft can be launched from several locations. Shoreline access for waders and bank fishermen is not too severely restricted, so a boat is not a necessity.

Because of the disproportionately large percentage of stunted panfish inhabiting this lake, special restrictions regulating the taking of bass and other fish have been put in effect here in an effort to bring things back into balance. Possession of largemouth bass between the lengths of 11 and 15 inches is prohibited and these fish must be released unharmed. Any bass smaller or larger than this may be kept. There is a five bass a day limit and the season spans from the first Saturday in June until March 15th. Don't be afraid to keep any of the smaller bass you take as weeding them from the lake will only improve the overall quality of the fishing here.

Obviously, the aforementioned provisions should allow the current crop of 11 to 15 inch fish the opportunity to gain a little wisdom, not to mention weight. And so, for the future, the big bass fishery at Ronkonkoma looks to be in good shape. Take the time to check it out and I'm sure you'll find that this big lake is quite capable of producing some big bass.

A good way to get a jump on the bass is to write to the DEC, Fish and Wildlife Division in Stony Brook and request a copy of Lake Ronkonkoma's contour map which shows the lake bottom in detail. Requests for the free maps should be addressed to Charles Guthrie, c/o DEC, Bldg. 40, SUNY, Stony Brook, NY 11794. Include a S.A.S.E.

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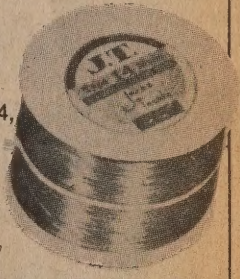

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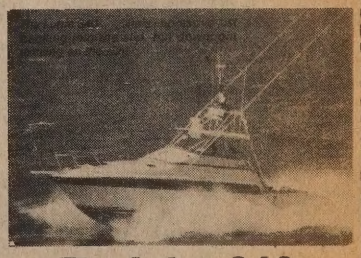

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THE MINI-MACHINES

by Pete Barrett

Bigger may not always be better; but when it comes to offshore fishing boats, bigger usually means more comfort, more fishing room, more tackle storage, more space for electronics and more fishing range. Depending on the options and how "loaded" you order one of these mid-sized mini-machines, you can spend between $25,000 and $125,000 for the boat of your dreams.

More and more Fisherman readers are showing interest in these mid-sized boats and our recent reader survey showed that a larger number of readers than ever before are ready to switch to a slightly larger boat, or have already switched and you are enjoying it!

There are many reasons. Among them are greater range to run to the canyons and offshore shark grounds. Fuel capacities in these boats are always over 100 gallons and many can hold close to 300 gallons of fuel, bringing any of the canyons within range.

More room on board usually means much more comfort since there is additional space to put your family, your buddies, your tackle and your armloads of fishing equipment.

These bigger boats also ride better than their smaller cousins, making distant runs to the canyons more enjoyable, but inshore bottom fishermen also like the added comfort. Who enjoys bone-chilling winds blasted in the face. At 30 knots speed as you run to fall bluefish grounds or to blackfish wrecks along the beach away from the inlet, the wind chill factor makes 50 degree air temperatures feel like the winds of winter.

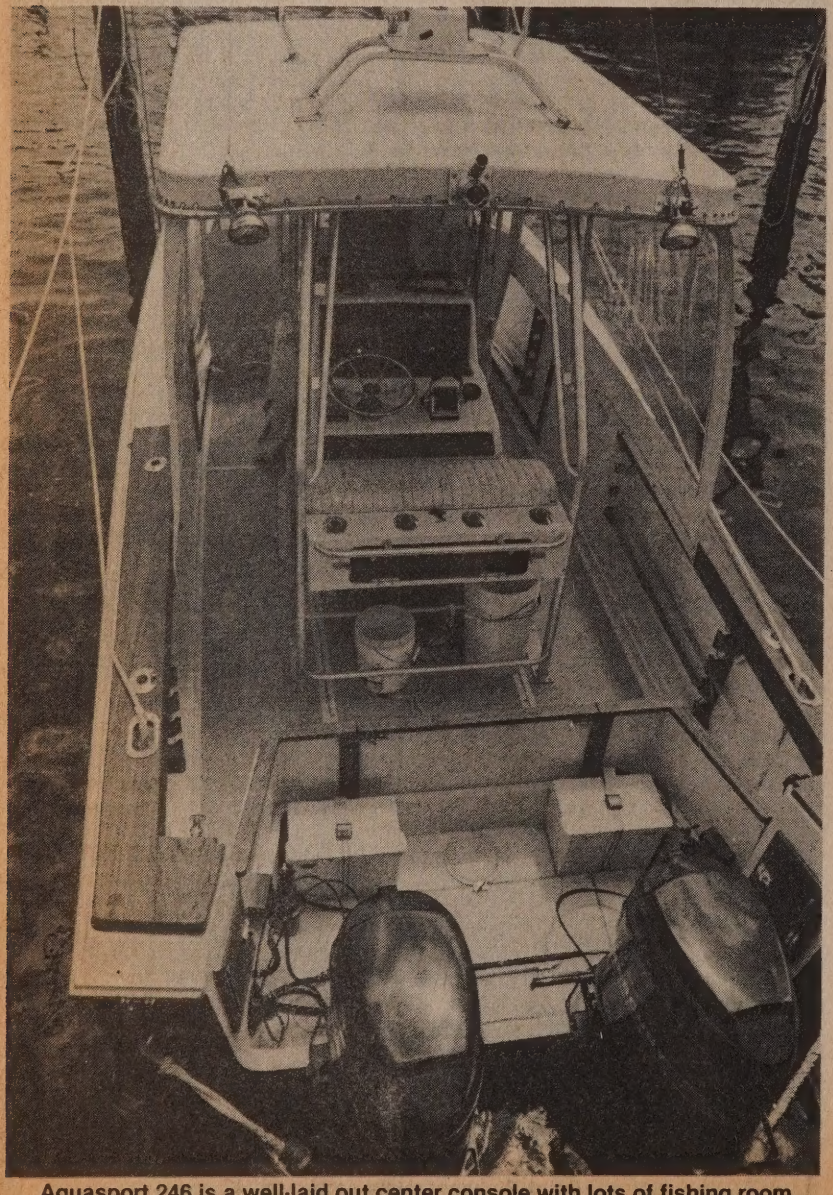
The species of fish you seek is not always the deciding factor when one of our readers decides to make a move to a bigger boat: comfort in the cool of spring for mackerel, or fall for flounder, or summer for fluke plays a big part in the decision-making. Many a wife who hated getting bounced around in a 20 footer has been turned into an avid boater/fisherwoman with the comforts of a bigger boat.

Manufacturers aren't sleeping at the wheel either and most of the best boat builders are creating new boats aimed directly at the fisherman looking for a versatile family, fishing, long distance running boat. The manufacturers listed along with this article will have dealers showing boats at the fall boat shows from Norwalk to Asbury Park, Penns Landing and Annapolis, so if you are in the market for a new, slightly larger boat, you can see them firsthand at these shows and talk to local dealers.

The layout of the cabin or the center console, is open to lots of variations and since what pleases one fisherman often is out of place to another, the selection of the type of boat you want is purely personal. But there are many choices of engines, hull design and fishability factors that you should consider before signing on the dotted line.

There are two basic hull designs: planing hulls with a relatively shallow draft that performs best when up on plane and moving at speed, and deep vee hulls that cut rough water like a razor, but which can rock and roll in rough water at slow speeds or while drifting. Each has their advantages. On heavy chop days, the deep vee slices the bad water. A sharp entry (deep vee at the bow) can help cut into the sea and reduce a bouncing ride on planing hulls and trim tabs which help keep that bow entry down and cutting into the water are also a big help.

Planing hulls are often liked the



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best by fishermen who drift for sharks or make overnight canyon trips and by inshore fishermen working for blacks and cod over wrecks or for fluke along the beaches because they are so stable. There are some deep vee hulls that utilize wide chines in the hull in a step design that help reduce this rolling, but the wide chines can also cause even a deep vee to pound a bit.

Before you buy, take the boat of your choice for at least one test ride. That ride should be in seas that you expect to encounter, not just a calm bay. The honey of a boat that performed beautifully in the bay or river may be a bone jarring, body rattler in a stiff head sea. Be sure to run out the inlet and give the boat a fair test.

With four main power options to choose from, it is easy to come up with the engine combination that will do the best job for you. The new Sea Drives offer speed and lots of cockpit space along with added fuel capacity and reliability. If something needs fixing it is nice to have the easy access to the engines. Many fishermen don't like the Sea Drives because they take up so much room hanging behind the transom. It can be tough to boat a big fish that just won't stay away from getting tangled in all that engine. On the plus side, the Sea Drives allow generous fuel supply, speed and no loss of space inside the boat.

In/Out Drives are a cross between outboards and inboards, hence the name. Although they had a reputation for not performing well, the cause of malfunctions was typically found to lie with lack of service and upkeep by the owner rather than with the product. Properly greased and serviced, outdrives are dependable power plants and offer the reliability of inboard engines with speed nearly equal to outboards. Since the engines are basically auto engines converted for marine use, many owners appreciate the ability to work on the engines on their own, keeping service and repair costs to the minimum.

Outboards are still the most popular engine option on small boats and now with even larger engines being introduced, like Mercury's 3.4 Liter engines that push out close to 300 horses, the application of outboards on larger boats is a better idea than ever before. Outboard will burn more fuel per hour, but they get you there so much faster that the actual fuel consumed is frequently LESS than with some inboards. Run at mid-range RPMs the outboards supply these boats with plenty of speed and superb reliability. The deep vee hulls are especially well adapted for use with outboards and several companies have been designing outboard powered fishing machines up to 29 feet in length for several years.

With outboards you don't lose so much fish fighting room as with Sea Drives, you gain a lot of extra carrying capacity, major servicing is relatively simple and you get quick and copious amounts of speed. It is not unusual to

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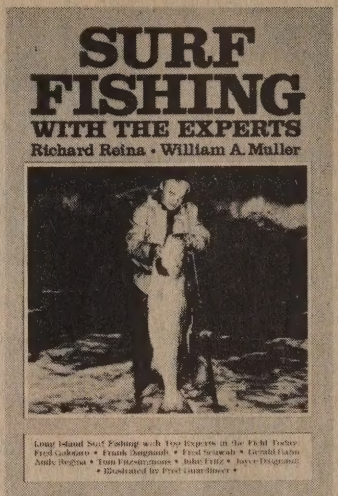

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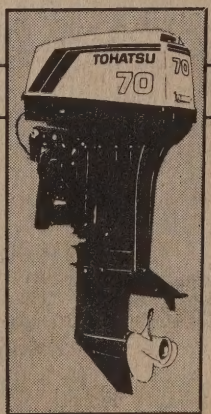

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The deck layout can be critical to total enjoyment of the boat you choose. A fluke fisherman will not need so much free deck space to accommodate a fight chair, but a tuna fisherman will certainly want to be sure that there is not only room for the chair, but room to walk around it so the crew can help boat the fish, and prepare baits and tackle. Engine boxes can make or break a boat because they add to or take away the overall fishability of the boat.

Keep your eyes open for places to store gaffs, extra rods, nets, tackle boxes and tackle rigging areas. Special emphasis should be given to positioning electronics. Some boats look great in the showroom, but when you begin to add the radio, Loran, recorder and other goodies, the space suddenly shrinks to almost zero.

Small towers are a neat addition to any of these boats—and towers are not only for the tuna fanatics. Anchoring on a wreck is easier with a tower, chumming blues can be more productive as you spot fish better and bonito specialists can really rack up some nice catches as the tower gives added visibility to spot schools of fish as they move into the slick. Of course, for offshore trollers the tower is the ideal viewpoint for orchestrating the lure pattern to watch fish as they move up to blast the lures.

If you are thinking along the lines of "bigger is better," take a look at the display boats this fall, gather information by writing to the manufacturers and then back up this info with helpful talks with the dealer. By blending all this information and personal service you should have little difficulty finding the boat of your choice. In this case, the fun of looking for the ultimate boat is almost as much fun as actually owning it.

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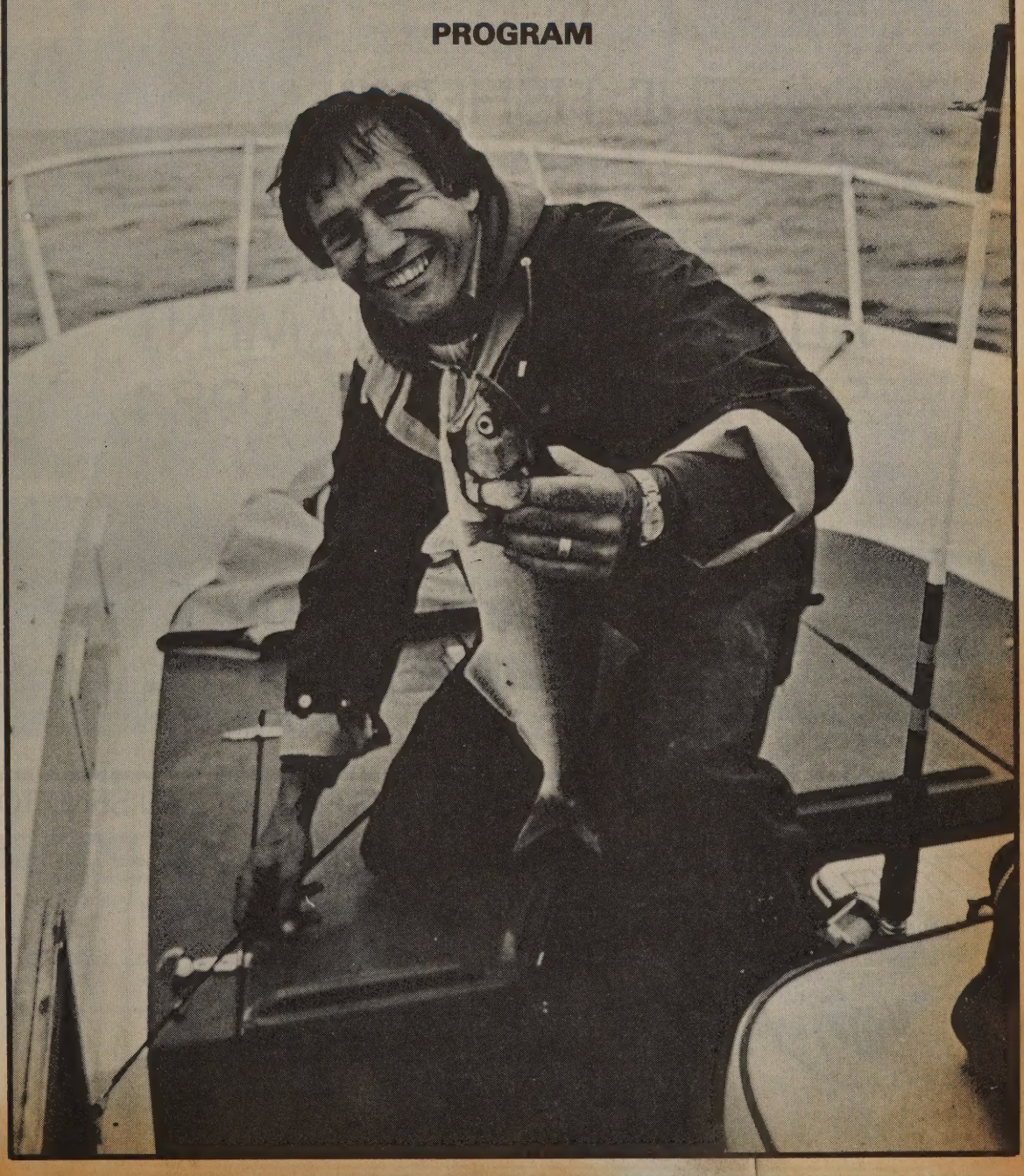

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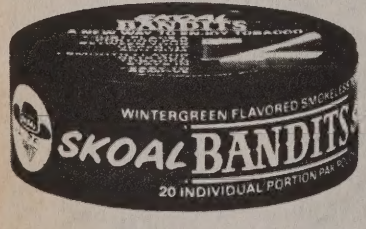

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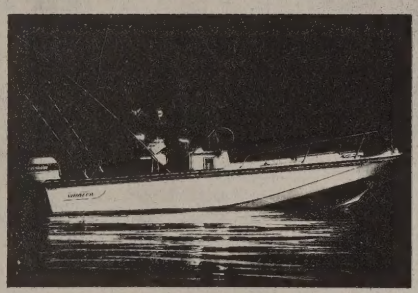

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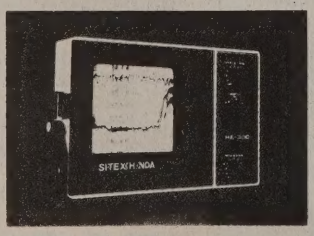

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THE MAN BEHIND THE TOURNAMENT

by Ellen G. Lander

Arthur Smith has spent his life making—and breaking—records.

He is widely recognized for writing songs that anyone can identify easily, and he's the man behind two of the world's largest fishing events: the Arthur Smith King Mackerel Tournament in Myrtle Beach, S.C. and the Arthur Smith KDW Tournament of the Palm Beaches.

Now in its eighth year, the King Mackerel tourney is billed as "the largest fishing tournament in the world." The KDW is also a record-holder. In 1983, the event took the title as Florida's (and perhaps the world's) largest first-year fishing tournament, with about 3,000 anglers and 619 boats participating.

What is it about Arthur Smith that seems to attract success? Simply: attitude.

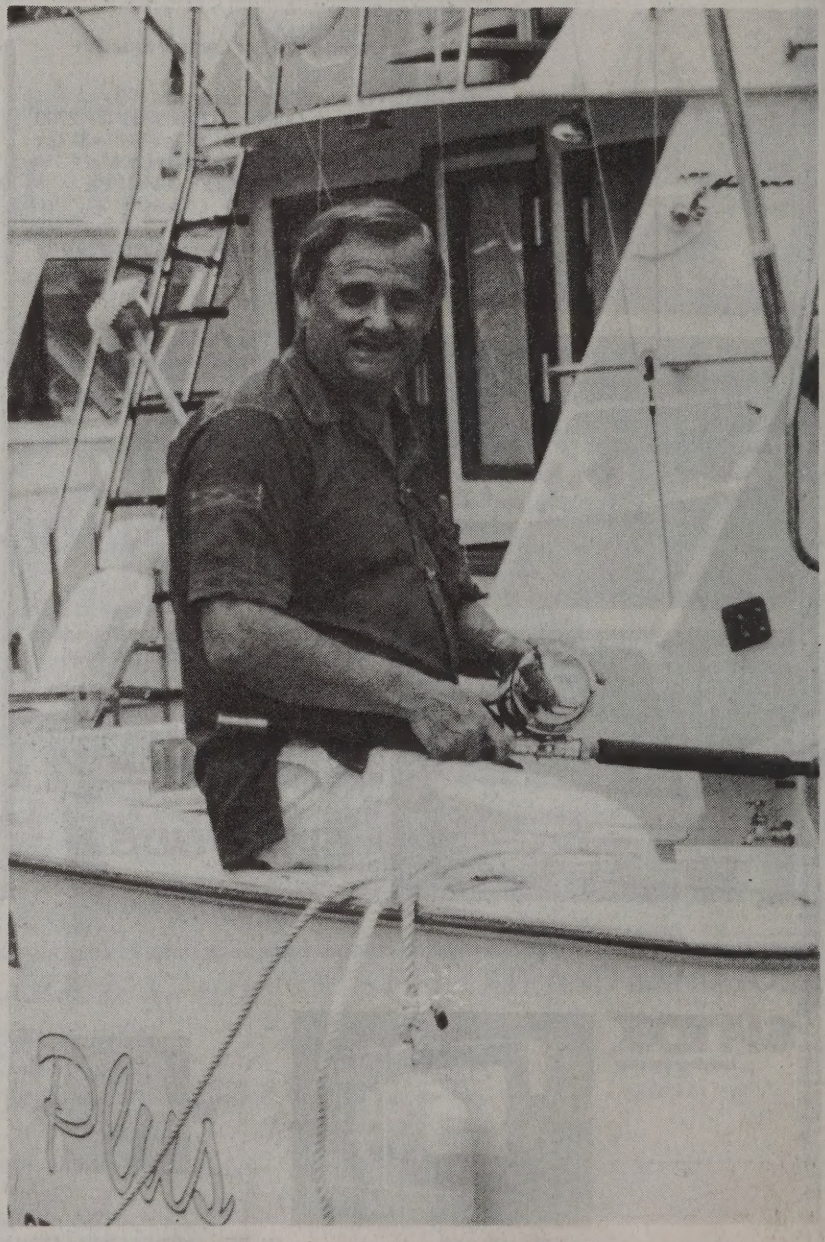
"The key to success in just about anything is enthusiasm," he says. "You've got to find something that there's a need for. But it also has to be something that you enjoy."

Smith first showed his success-bound enthusiasm in music. At eight, the Kershaw, South Carolina, youngster was teaching guitar. At 14, he hosted a radio show. Before long, his radio career soared, and he was sought after by top-notch radio stations throughout the South.

Then came the war. Smith received stateside duty in Washington, D.C., and was recruited to play in the U.S. Navy Band. By the time he left the service, Smith had a contract with Super Disc Records in New York City. And this led to national success with his chart-topping instrumental "Guitar Boogie," a tune that almost every guitarist has stored in his memory.

Smith played concerts, clubs, and theaters all over the country, promoting the album that grew from "Guitar Boogie." Then he returned to his home in North Carolina to continue hosting his own radio show. Next was a move into television, and through the long-running "Arthur Smith Show," he became a well-known and welcome face in living rooms throughout the South.

Today, Smith is still on the airwaves. His syndicated radio program, Top of the Morning, can be heard at 7AM Monday through Friday, on 50 stations in Virginia, Georgia and the Carolinas. There are also television



appearances, including a recent guest spot with son Clay (Executive Director of both fishing tournaments) on the Nashville Network's Fire on the Mountain Program.

He and Clay perform together regularly at clubs, concerts, and, of course, the tournaments. This duo also has a new 20-song album recorded with the Charlotte Symphony.

Throughout his years on stage, radio, and television, Smith has continued writing and publishing music (today mostly inspirational and instrumental). Of his many tunes, the best known is "Dueling Banjos." Bui

the story behind this song, which was the theme for the Warner Brothers film Deliverance, might be be entitled "Dueling Attorneys."

The movie company refused to acknowledge Smith's authorship, and claimed they picked up the music from a New York City songwriter. Smith took the film giant to Federal District Court in New York. The result? A courtroom success that had Smith humming all the way to the bank.

But what does all of this talk of music have to do with success in the fishing world? A lot. The formula is the same: "You've got to find something that there's a need for. But it also has to be something that you enjoy."

Well, Smith certainly enjoys fishing. The evidence is his 42 foot Hatteras, "440 Plus."

As for "needs," Smith saw two:

1) A need to boost the off-season economies of particular areas (such as Long Island and Myrtle Beach in the fall and Palm Beach in the summer).

Toward this end, Smith certainly has succeeded. The King Mackerel Tournament brought $8 million into Myrtle Beach's slow post-Labor Day period. The summertime KDW tournament, in its first year, brought about $6 million to the Palm Beaches, according to the Economic Council of Palm Beach County.

2) A need for more tournaments geared toward "regular guys."

"With most toournaments, you just about have to be a millionaire to really enjoy the big tournament, the big purse, and the big fun," he says. "But with the King Mackerel and KDW, the ordinary, everyday fisherman gets a chance at the big money and the big fun."

Fishermen with boats as small as 16 feet can compete against 30, even 80 footers. "One of our winners last year of a $20,000 prize in the KDW had a 16 foot boat," Smith says.

Smith's tournaments also offer something that many do not: "Just good, clean, wholesome, family fun."

Of course, some of this fun is a direct result of Smith's success in the music business. ("We aren't superstars or anything like that, but people know who we are.") He's able to invite long-time friends with big-time names, such as Johnny Cash and Mel Tillis.

The success of these tournaments can be measured not only in the number of anglers, and the value of prizes, but also in the media exposure they receive. For instance, ESPN, the national cable sports station, is currently broadcasting a program on last year's KDW. And another version of the program is being syndicated on about 100 stations throughout the country.

With talent, drive and most importantly, **enthusiasm**, Arthur Smith has earned the title of "record-maker" in the worlds of music and fishing. His simple, logical formula generates success.

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TOURNEY SCHEDULE

- **CAPTAINS MEETING:** Wednesday, September 12, at Guy Lombardo Marina at 3:00 PM.
- **SPONSOR AND VIP DINNER:** Wednesday, September 12, 7 PM at Island Inn, Westbury.
- **THURDAY AND FRIDAY:** September 13 and 14—Fishing Days, 8 AM to 3:30 PM each day. Weigh-in at Guy Lombardo Marina.
- **FISH FRY:** Saturday, September 15 at 11 AM at Guy Lombardo Marina. Entertainment provided by The Kingston Trio.
- **AWARDS PRESENTATION:** Saturday, September 15, immediately following the Fish Fry.

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PLANNING THE TOURNAMENT

The Town of Hempstead Presiding Supervisor Thomas S. Gulotta (4th from left) was on hand last week at Freeport Mayor William White's office for a meeting on the September 12-15 Arthur Smith Bluefish Tournament to be held out of the Town's Guy Lombardo Marina located in the Village. Discussing logistics, including traffic control and emergency services, were (left to right) Freeport Fire Department Chief Lester Fieldsa, Freeport Police Lt. Joseph Boland, U.S. Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Donald Minchin, Gulotta, Nassau County Police Emergency Ambulance Bureau Sgt. Leigh Tyrrel, Tournament Executive Director Mike Dannella, White, and Nassau County Police Department Marine Bureau Sgt. Harry Holvorsen. Anglers already registered include those coming from North and South Carolina, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Connecticut and New Jersey as well as from throughout New York. The tournament offers over $200,000 in cash and other prizes.

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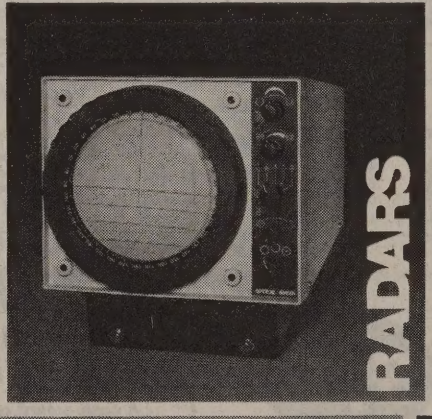

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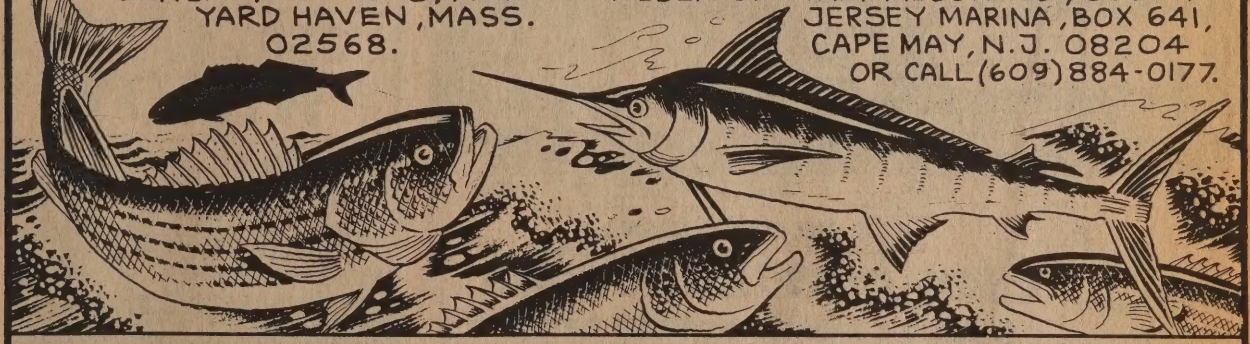

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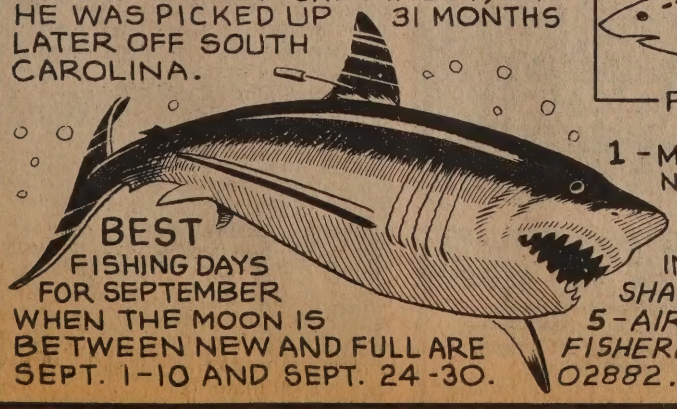

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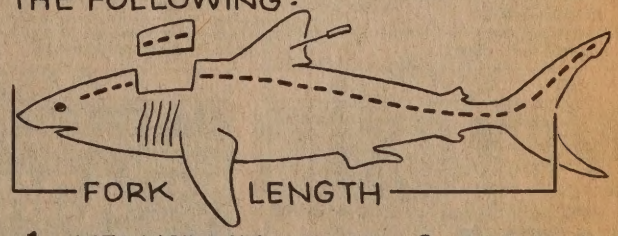

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Offshore tuna, both school size and giants, have picked up beginning late last week at Montauk. Inshore, blues are all over with bonita mixed. Porgies are now on an upswing, while fluking is slow in numbers with large size fish. School weaks are holding up in Noyac, while larger porgies were taken in Sag Harbor and Noyac. Look for an increase in bass activity with this weekend's full moon. Looks like it's time to combine "catching" with "fishing!"

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Captain Richie Rade has enjoyed very good porgy and sea bass on the **Marlin IV** fishing areas around Gardiners Island and Montauk Point. Porgies range in size from medium to large, with 50 to 60 fish per angler. A few blackfish have surprised anglers. On a recent trip the pool was won with a 12 pound weakfish which jumped on the porgy bait. Night bluefishing is great with 25 to 30 fish per man fishing either Block Island or Cartwright. Pool fish is anywhere

Bob Heal gets a hand from his daughter Kimberly, age 3, in displaying the 5 lb. 2 oz. sea bass he caught at Montauk aboard the family boat, Chum Pot. Subscriber photo.

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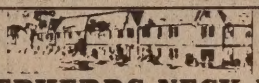

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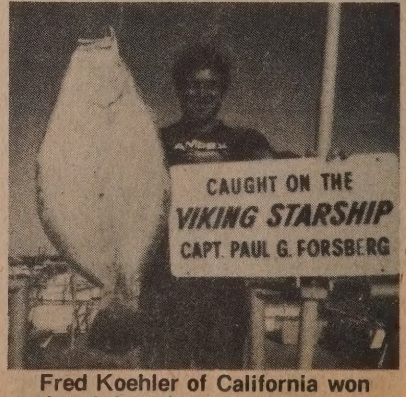

Fred Koehler of California won the 8-21 afternoon trip pool aboard the Montauk based "Viking Starship" with this huge doormat. The big flattie tipped the scale at 15 lbs. 2 oz.

from 15 to 18 pounds with fish taking jigs or bait equally well.

The **Viking Fleet** with Captain Paul Forsberg reports that Noman's Land porgies are more consistant with 80 percent of the fish large and jumbos with 60 to 100 fish per man taken daily. Coxes Ledge codfish remains good. This weekend, nine year old Billy Tully of Hampton Bays won the pool with a 35 pound cod! Although fluking is slow on the **Starship,** all are very large fish. Night bluefishing is generally outstanding with jigs and bait working equally well. Beginning this Saturday the **Starship** will fish for blues all day, starting at 8 a.m., with two boats scheduled for blues Saturday nights. Starting on Wednesday, September 12th and continuing every Wednesday and Sunday the **Starship** will fish for tuna, leaving at 3:30 a.m. There will be a 40 passenger limit, reservations are required. The fare will be $75. 4/0 reels spooled with at least 60 pound test line are suggested. Capt. Forsberg stated that **all tuna** caught will be the property of the fishermen, with arrangement made to sell the catch at dockside.

Porgies of all sizes are being hauled over the rail and into the pails of the **Little Bear** and **Flying Cloud!** Earlier in the week the larger fish were only hitting on one tide, however, since Monday big fish are biting on both tides indicating more fish are around. Despite nasty weather on Saturday, both boats (sharing a bus of anglers from Philly) had very good fishing. Lawrence Polite, Jr., President of the Statewide Sportsman's Club of Philadelphia, Pa., stated that everyone went home with enough fish for a holiday fish fry!

Anglers fishing on rentals from **Uihlein's Boat Rentals** tried a variety of fishing in an assortment of spots. Freeport resident Al DeSimone tried the South Side for fluke to 6 pounds, after Gin Beach yielded an assortment of sea robins and short fluke. Peter Loeb and his wife from New York City fished the entire weekend for flounder, just a short ride from the dock in Lake Montauk. Each afternoon's fishing resulted in several dozen flounders up to 1½ pounds caught on clam bait. Last flounder count, Monday, was well over 100 flatties caught in three days. Leo Katechis and his friends from the Bronx tried for porgies at Great Eastern and, on clam bait, brought back over 50 porgies, all over two pounds. Jonathan Green and Sally Sickles rented **Uihlein's** 20 foot Wellcraft for some sport bluefishing (catch and release). The pair experimented with Cartwright rigs, green bananas and also sinker rigs with herring bait and caught too many blues to count. They did keep a 22 pound blue. Another gorilla snapped a fishing rod. Thomas Wilson and Candice Pisto fishing on a 19 foot Marquis, also rented, and caught 8 large blues, top weight 15 pounds, in two hours, after taking "lessons" from Jonathan and Sally.

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Patrick Schreiber of Peekskill, N.Y. hefts an 18 lb. blue that he took aboard the family boat, Albatross. Fishing was done on Montauk's Cartwright Grounds. Subscriber photo.

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Tony Cardamore, left, with a 580 lb. bluefin tuna taken aboard Captain Paul Stern's (right) Montauk charter boat, "Tuna Tangler." The fish was the 20th giant taken aboard the boat this season. Photo courtesy of Montauk Marine Basin.

Despite very "untidy seas" on Saturday, Captain Bill Ricca who is usually behind the wheel of the **Alyssa Ann,** did very well on codfish at Coxes Ledge. Captain Bill fished with Gene Ritter on the **Barbara Ann** where they put 31 cod into the cooler by 11 a.m. Most of the fish were in the 8 to 10 pound range with several nearly 25 pounds. On Sunday, the **Alyssa Ann** did a bang up job on Cartwright blues fishing with the Etts family. The group caught 80 large blues from 11 to 18 pounds.

Eric Sztork, age 14, caught a huge striped bass of 61 pounds while fishing with his dad, Captain Bob on the **Caprice.** The Vibanski's—Dan, Tim and Magie enjoyed a good trip on the **Caprice,** with bass up to 47 pounds.

Captain Chuck Mallinson fished on Friday with Bob Callicutt on the **Joy Sea,** when six tuna to 282 pounds were boated. On Sunday, a 100 pound mako shark was taken south of Block Island, along with all the bluefish his group could handle.

On Tuesday, Capt. Zac Grossman of the **Mako Express,** Jim MacDonald who usually mates on the **Betty W** and I joined Captain Ron Grandinetti on the **Julie III** for some fun fishing. Our catch included porgies to 3 pounds, many sea bass, some fluke and a few blowfish (caught on the South Side). Near the Point we jigged blues which were all over. On Saturday, Tyrone Lewis' catch was over 500 porgies, while on Sunday, Manny Martins of Wappinger Falls, N.Y. returned home with 72 bluefish after fishing on the **Julie III.**

Bob Chiccolelli and his friends trolled tuna to 35 pounds a week ago on the **King Wayne,** however, a 35 pound wahoo highlighted the catch. This

past weekend, yellowfin and longfin to 75 pounds were taken on bait southeast of Block Island by Bill Rice and his friends, while on Sunday, Dan Haggerty of Queens and his group boated bluefins weighing up to 158 pounds (a larger one was lost). Captain Wayne reported that blues are all over, with his bluefish trips very successful. Saturday night Walter Heltginger and his friends quit after landing 100 blues, top weight 18 pounds.

Yvonne and Richard Buckley of Copiague returned to the **Mako Express** on Saturday for yellowfin to 74 pounds. The highlight of the trip was a marlin estimated at 60 pounds which took a diamond jig. The fish made three jumps and then spit the hook. On Sunday, all our bait was ignored and all our fish were taken on 6 ounce Tidal Lures: yellowfin and bluefin tuna as well as skipjack with a couple of dozen bluefish on the **Mako Express.** Fishing with me were George Rogers, Virginia Murphy, Bob Goldberg and Joanne and Glenn Peckel.

Frank Mastropietro and his friends from Long Beach enjoyed a nice day offshore on the **My Mate** with Captain Joe McBride, with yellowfin tuna to 100 pounds. A blue shark of about 50 pounds was tagged and released. The group almost had a mako shark. The shark bit the taill off a tuna as it was being fought, then took a baited hook, fought for 15 minutes before breaking off. Captain McBride reports bluefishing is now excellent at Cartwright and the Sea Buoy and has a few available dates for blues and/or tuna.

Captain Jerry McGrath is concentrating on inshore fluke and blues on the **Nostalgia II.** This weekend, 20 fluke to 6 pounds were caught by Jack Evans and his friend Pete, fishing the South Side. The Gomez', Arturo and George fishing with Jose and Tony had all the Cartwright blues they wanted by 10:30 a.m. then switched to porgies when they loaded up. Sea bass and fluke were an incidental by catch.

Captain Paul Stern fished the 40 fathom line on the **Tuna Tangler** this week for three giants plus a 113 pound white marlin.

Capt. Bruce Kieffer reports continuous good tuna action on the **Ebbtide**. Tuna ranging to 200 lbs. were caught the beginning of last week, while tuna to 100 lbs. were schooled at the end of the week.

Capt. Phil Lewis reports lots of good tuna action this past week on the **Adios**. On Thursday, a group from the Midway Tavern of Bergenfield, NJ returned with bluefin and yellowfin to 200 lbs. On Friday, Bert Barr and his friends brought in eight tuna, one of which was reported to be an "allison tuna" weighing 80 lbs. (distinguished from a yellowfin by longer fins and tail). On Saturday a group from Niles Roofing Co. fought a 125 lb. bluefin for three hours, using a 4.0 reel and 30 lb. test, before it was boated. The jackpot was hit on Labor Day, when angler Robert Rosenberg sucessfully fought a 650 lb. giant tuna, thanks to expert work by the mate (the fish had tangled in as many as six anchor lines).

Last Friday, Vickey Trehnolm boated a 901 lb. giant on the **Dawn**. Readers will remember that Vickey brought in a 970 lb. tuna last year on the same boat with Capt. Gregg Beacher. On Sunday, Beth Clark caught a 554 lb. giant also repeating her feat of a year ago.

Jim Brocod launched his trailered boat at **Gone Fishing Marina**, fished the south side, returned with a doormat fluke of 11½ lbs! A mako of 88 lbs. along with three bluefin tuna were taken on the Time & a Half, berthed in the Marina. Chris, fishing on his boat, Serenity II, returned to the marina with a 6 lb. seabass!

Joan of **Captain's Cove Marina**, reports that offshore fishing picked up Sunday and Monday. Fluking is on the spotty side, with some large fish picked up on the south side. **Mistress Too**, captained by Fritz Hubner trolled about a half dozen tuna-yellowfin and longfin over the weekend. Caz Foglia fished Sharks Ledge on a windy Saturday and put 23 cod, top weight 23 lbs., in his boat, Cobber. Ed Shroeder took the Jo Lynn to the Canyon over the weekend, returning with a 99 lb. wahoo. In between catching sharks this past week, Capt. Frank Mundus boated a 115 lb. white marlin on the **Cricket II**.

SOUTH FORK

Chris Salb, spoksman for **Bayview Marine and Tackle**, claimed that porgies are smaller, but plentiful at Cedar Point, while fluke action slowed dramatically during the past week. Plenty of weakfish still in Noyac Bay, with the average size about three pounds. There are plenty of blues at Crow Shoals with school weaks among them. Fluking at the Ruins has also slowed a bit. A group who rented a skiff for the weekend had so many porgies that they ran out of buckets and had to purchase garbage pails from the hardware store for the fish! A few blowfish have been taken by porgy fishermen, and one three pound triggerfish at Cedar Point.

Captain Artie Lach reports porgy action on the **Wilhelric** up and down all week, i.e., slow on Thursday; SUPER on Friday; slow Saturday (probably due to southwest winds); EXCELLENT Sunday. Fluking remains good at Gardiner's, Plum Island, and Big Gull. Last fluke trips of the year will be on September 11 and 12th, with blackfish trips starting every Tuesday and Wednesday beginning September 18th. All other days will be devoted to porgies! Capt. Lach asked me to inform you that ALL TICKETS ARE SOLD FOR SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8th ON THE **WIL-**

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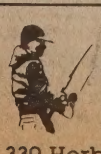

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Large porgies have moved into Noyac area according to Helen Jacobsen of **Noyac Marina**. On Sunday Bob Krogman, Danny Fee, and Bob Weschrek, all of Woodhaven NY, fished the last three hours of incomming tide off Long Beach. Among their couple of pails of porgies taken on worms were a couple of dozen humpbacks. Small school blues are roaming the bay, taking porgy bait. On Saturday morning Tom Hurley fished off the Monestary in Noyac Bay for 17 school weaks. Helen asked me to remind you that the marina will be open daily at 7 a.m. During the month of September a tournament for the largest fish caught in each species (blues, porgies, weaks, etc.), caught by customers of **Noyac Marina**, will win valuable prizes. Call the marina for details.

Mickey **Altenkirch** stated that despite rough sea conditions over the weekend, school tuna to 60 lbs. (bluefin and yellowfin) were trolled in 40 fathoms. He also heard radio chatter of a mako taken over the weekend. Flounders are excellent in the Basket area, with fluke holding up. School blues are passing through the canal at unpredictable times. On Tuesday morning one fishermen connected with canal blues fishing shiners on heavy tins with spinners, while the locks were open and tide moving. Good bluefishing at Shinnecock Inlet.

South Shore REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

The long holiday weekend went down as a good one despite threatening weather forecasts. Fluke continued to be very cooperative in both bays and lots of blues camped within easy range of boatmen running from Moriches and Fire Island Inlets. There was some decent action with yellowfin tuna for offshore fans north of the Texas Tower and a mixed bag of small weaks, sea bass, porgies and blowfish entertained Great South Bay sinker bouncers.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

The West Cut produced the best weekend fluke scores, according to Gary Grunseich of **Silly Lily Fishing Station** in **East Moriches.** He did add though that bigger fish are coming from the edge of the channel between buoys 34 and 36. Biggest fluke put on

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the scale over the weekend was a 5¼ pounder with per boat scores ranging anywhere from 10 to 25 keepers. Lots of shorts to keepers holding steady at 3 to 1. Plenty of big snappers all over the bay as well.

Al Lassen of **Hi-Way Fishing Station** in **East Moriches** said most of his boats worked south of buoys 35 and 36 on the weekend. He thought Saturday's fishing was off a bit but Sunday's action made up for whatever Saturday lacked. Plenty of shorts keep anglers busy, but enough keepers to keep them happy. Sunday was also a good day for those other flatfish. Several boats did very well with winter flounder south of buoy 34. Some crabs are being taken in the coves by those making the effort.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

"Plenty of 2 to 4 pound weaks in the bay south of Sayville and Heckscher," said Paul Graniello of **J&J Tackle** in **Patchogue.** The Manardi family had 15 of the summer run fish on Friday drifting squid strips in mid-bay off of Sayville. Fluking in the bay continues to produce big numbers but many shorts. Most boats work the Lighthouse to the Robert Moses Bridge or the Inlet. Several customers reported acres of blues east and west of Moriches Inlet, close to the beach this past week. The fish were caught casting, trolling and jigging and most ranged from 3 to 8 pounds. Local docks have lots of snappers and still the occasional fluke. The only offshore news concerned youngsters Jeff and Mike Drapal who with their dad teamed up to take their first mako shark. The 40 pound fish was taken on Sunday in 110 feet of water. On the freshwater scene, local lakes produced fine bass action this week and a few trout came from Tuthils Creek.

John Stellingwerf and Len Wolek prove that flounder are a year-round game in Moriches Bay. This catch of 42 nice size fish was made in August north of buoy 35 during a trip out of Seatuck Cove Fishing Station in Eastport.

A catch of 36 weaks to 4 pounds provided ample evidence of the numbers of small weaks deep in the bay. Al Colban of **J&R Sport Center** in **Oakdale** had the fish, along with a couple of friends aboard the private boat, "And How." Buoy 15 near East Channel produced the weaks along with 9 fluke. Both squid strips and nightcrawlers worked in the bait department. Al added that there is a nice mix of blowfish, sea bass and porgies at Ocean Beach and West Channel. Fluke remain plentiful, but small from the Lighthouse to the Inlet. Lots of snappers at local docks from Sayville to Islip and a few blue claws starting to show. Five year old Dan Brown returned from a weekend trip upstate with an impressive 3 pound smallmouth bass.

Eileen Cioffi of **Peppy's Tackle Shop** in **East Islip** put a couple of impressive fluke on the scale this weekend. Unfortunately in both cases, the anglers names got lost in the shuffle. On Thursday, a 10¾ pound doormat was put on the scale, while Friday saw a 5½ pounder come through the door. Both fish came from the Lighthouse area. Bluefishing has been very good east and west of the inlet in 40 to 60 feet of water for trollers and jiggers. Snappers galore at the docks and crabs showing some improvement.

Captain John Cuozzo of the Captree charter boat **Afterglow** called to report a charter for Tim Werkely of Swan Packaging on Friday. The group had a good day with blues to 16 lbs. trolling umbrellas rigs south of the inlet in 60 to 80 feet of water. On Saturday, the boat accounted for 5 tuna in the 25 to 40 lb. class trolled near the compass rose. John reminded that he has plenty of good dates open for the fall.

Kristen Boluk compares fluke she caught while fishing with her dad south of the Moriches Coast Guard Station. The doormat on the right checked in at 8 lbs. and took a live killie.

Captain Charlie Kennedy of the Captree **Captain Joseph II** noted fluke fishing was holding up great with lots of fish spread from Ocean Beach to the Inlet. Largest fish of the weekend was a 5.4 pounder taken on Labor Day by Rzz So Hwang of Flushing. Night bluefishing has been super as long as the weather cooperates, with two bodies of fish providing most of the action. One is made up of 3 to 8 lbers., while the other consists of 10 to 12 lb. fish. They are being found just 4 to 6 miles off the beach. All in all, it was an excellent weekend.

The Captree Charter boats **Prime Time II, Seabird** and **Taryn Ann** hosted 115 Send-A-Kid Fishing youngsters on Thursday while catching only the very end of the flood. Everyone had plenty of action. Fishing was done from the south end of West Channel to the Coast Guard Station.

Over at **Augie's Tackle Shop** in Babylon Bruce Morabito filled us in on the weekend's results while Fred Austin recovered. Bruce told of three yellowfin tuna, 25, 46 and 70 lbs., taken at the tower aboard the Lucky Wolf on Saturday. He was also aboard a boat that was among a fleet working over 25 lb. class yellowfins between

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the Virginia Wreck and the tower on Saturday. Everyone managed a few of the fish. The largest yellowfin of the weekend came from the Canyon and was taken aboard the Fast Eddie on Monday. It weighed 160 lbs. Inside the bay, fluking remains excellent though many, many small fish dominate catches. There is good porgy fishing in West Channel and at the WR buoy with clam chum best for the silvers. Lots of small weakfish off of Heckscher and points east but also a fair number in West Channel and at Ocean Beach. Squid strips fished on a high low rig working fine for these fish. Snappers are everywhere. On the freshwater side, Herb West checked in a 7¾ lb. carp which he took from Argyle Lake on Monday.

The Lindenhurst charter boat **Fishfinder** sampled both fluke and blues on the weekend. Captain Len reported that Saturday's group which included a pair of 13 year olds, Adam Geisinger and Trace Feinstein, had a good catch of blues SW of the Inlet. Some of the fish were trolled on umbrella rigs while others were jigged with Ava 27 The fish averaged 6 lbs. On Sunday, Sandy Lifschitz and friends spent the day fluking in the inlet using killies and squid, the group put away a mess of the summer flatties including one 6 lber. and a pair of 4 lbers.

The crew aboard Joe Lubrano's Bold Eagle may not have had much to show for Sunday's excitement a few miles east of the NA buoy but they returned with some great stories. According to Mike Andreanni of **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** Joe and his crew which consisted of Rich Esposito, Ray Morgan and Joe Pickarello spent most of the morning fighting a big mako on a 6/0 outfit. The fish came close to stripping the reel on a couple of occasions before finally breaking off. A short time later the crew found themselves in the middle of acres of 100 lb. class tuna chasing anchovies on the surface. Cutting short their chumming, they broke out green machines and wound up fighting and dropping a couple of the big tuna. After getting back to their chumming, they settled for a load of 12 to 15 lb. blues in 80 foot depths later in the day. Mike also told of looking over a catch of 29 blues in the 4 to 6lbs. range taken on jigs at Cholera on Saturday by John Piteris Jr and Sr. On Sunday, the father and son team ran 10 miles south of Fire Island where they found schools of 8 to 10 lb. blues on the surface. They put away 65 of these fish before retreating. Fluke fishing was very good through the weekend. Joan and Ed Smith put away 20 keepers to 3½ lbs. near the lighthouse on Sunday. They fished aboard their family boat Cricket. Blackfish are getting started with a few fish to 5 lbs. reported at the big bridge and Kismet. Mike reminded that he does have fiddlers in stock and will continue to carry them through the fall.

It's a good weekend inside the bay and offshore, according to Ralph Angelillo of **Z Crab Tackle** in Copiague. On Labor Day, Ralph looked over 80 lbs. of big porgies taken near the WR buoy by Ronnie Aleus and Sandy Kiernan. On Saturday, Joe Gardula worked West Channel for a nice catch of fluke along with a few weaks. Aboard the same boat, Paul Portelli put away a 5 lb. blackfish on a fluke bait. Plenty of small weaks in the bay with fish off Sayville and Heckscher and also at Ocean Beach. Action with the bigger fish near the WR buoy has fizzled however. This fishing should pick up again as the best action usually occurs through the month of September. Offshore on Saturday there was some decent tuna action. The Shotgun had 5 yellowfin, the Happy Time managed 7 yellowfin and one 7 lb. dolphin while the Gannet also had 5 yellowfin. Red and white feathers and Cedar jigs seemed to wor best on the fish. Squaw Island Fishing club member Biscardi, fishing aboard Steve Serock's Searock on Sunday landed and released an estimated 175 lb. blue marlin out at Montauk. Closer to home, good action with small weaks and blues at the Copiague Hole on small Hopkins. Snappers great—crabs horrible.

Frank over at Leslie Edelman's in Farmingdale told of good bluefishing outside the inlet in the 40 to 60 feet of water. Fish are being trolled and jigged. On Friday, Stan Sylinski used jigs and tubes to take 45 blues from 6 to 13 lbs. in 45 feet of water south of the Robert Moses water tower. There

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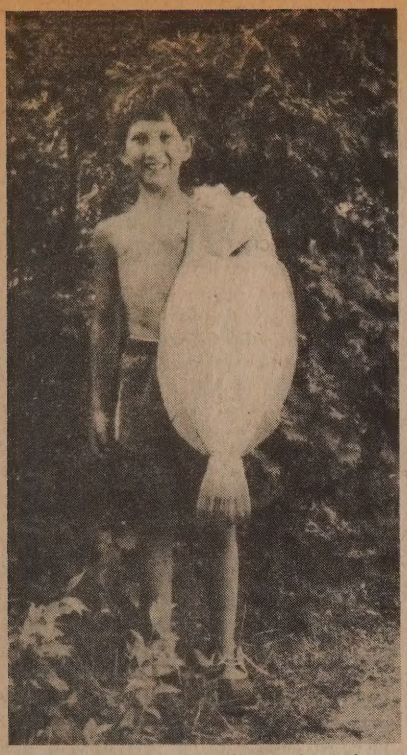

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was some good action with yellowfin tuna in the SE corner of the compass rose Thursday through Saturday and fluking remains excellent at West Channel, the lighthouse and the inlet.

Mike Paulini put away 27 blues in the 4 to 6 lb. range south of the JB tower on diamond jigs and umbrella rigs according to Carl Miller of **Smokey's Bait and Tackle** in Bay Shore. This was on Saturday. On Friday, Larry Lund and the crew ab aboard his Viper II loaded up with 60 blues in the 4 to 8 lb. class and topped the catch off with a dozen weaks ranging between 6 and 10 lbs. Ava 27 and 47 jigs took the fish in 30 feet of water south of Gilgo. One private boat did exceptionally well with larger than average fluke fishing east of the inlet in tight to the beach. Their catch included a number of 5 lb. class flatties. Speaking of fluke Judy Rosenbach leads the Ladies Divion of the Charlie Nappi Fluke Derby with an 11 lber. Five-year old Jim Newell leads the Junior Division with a 7.3 lber. Plenty of snappers at all the docks but crabbing remains disappointing though there are a few being taken. On the offshore scene, there was some good tuna action SE of the Texas tower on Saturday. Yellowfin tuna ranging from 15 on up to 100 lbs. were being taken on Green Machines, Sun Chasers and door knobs. Lots of bonito and false albacore in 80 feet of water on red and white feathers.

Captain Neil Delanoy of the Bay Shore open boat **Casey Lee** spoke of continued excellent fluke fishing throughout the weekend on morning and afternoon trips. Six to 12 keepers per fare has been the average with pool fish running up to 5 lbs. Ratio of shorts to keepers is in the neighborhood of 2 or 3 to 1 on most days. On Sunday's PM trip, Richard C. Lee was high hook with 19 keepers and 2 large sea bass. Neil has been working between West Island and the lighthouse and ask that we remind customers that the last 4PM fluke trip is slated for Sunday, Sept. 9th.

Captain Gordon Roman of the Captree open boat **Captree Queen** called the fishing this Labor Day weekend the best in several years. The long holiday saw both blues and fluke cooperate with night bluefish trips resulting in catches of 500 fish and more per trip the norm. The high hook each night numbers in the 30s with most fish falling in the 3 to 8 lb. range. Sunday however, saw a showing some slammers in the teens. The excellent fluke fishing continues to be marked by lots of short fish but fares finish with more than enough keepers. High hook each trip usually falls into the 8 to 10 fish range. Gordon noted that a sudden surge in action as far back as East Channel signifies that there still lots of fish back in the bays. He expects excellent fluking to carry through the entire month of September and reminded that he will continue both his fluke and bluefish derbies through October. Cash and custom rod prizes will be awarded with the current prize money at $600. See his ad for more details.

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Bluefishing continues to be very good to super excellent depending on the day and conditions and as this has been a late season from the word go, fall promises to put us neck deep in bluefish in the couple of months ahead. It's a mixed bag now in the bays, with fluke, flounder, blackfish, porgies, sea bass, snappers, a few kingfish and bccs for sinker bouncers.

WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

A call from **Pop's Fishing Station** told of very good mixed bags of fluke, porgies, weaks, sea bass and snappers. Just a very few bccs. Largest catch of the week was 18 keeper fluke for three NJ anglers. Incoming was best on the east side of the Wantagh bridge. Both sides of the Wantagh bridges are producing porgies on worms and squid, fluke on killies, weaks on sand worms and sea bass on anything.

Also out of Seaford, we learned that Captain Brian's open boat **Chinco III** has now switched to flounder and should be doing quite nicely on these as the season progresses. See ad for details.

From **Wanser's Bait and Tackle**, the boss man spoke of very good snapper action with big snaps all over the place. Some bccs at the first Wantagh bridge and at the Massapequa flats. Fluking remains good but still lots of throwbacks with an occasional good keeper with Wanser's Cut and Massapequa Cove being the best bet. Sand porgies and sea bass are now found throughout the bay on worms and clam. Some bass being taken on bellies at the 3rd Wantagh and the Big M. Ten to 12 lb. weakfish are falli to live snappers at these bridges also. Small blues at the inlets on small umbrellas, bait and tins with bigger bluefish for trollers and jiggers off the beaches to the SE and at Cholera. Flounder in the deep holes at the third Wantagh and Big M as well as off the CG station.

From **Merrick Tackle** in Bellmore Scott told of the Plentiful snappers being taken off the Jones Beach piers as well as most of the backwaters and channels. Scott himself saw decent catches of bccs taken in crab traps off the Jones Beach piers over the weekend. Blues being trolled and jigged from 30 feet on out all along the south beach, while occasional

keeper fluke and plenty of midgets are available all around the 2nd and 3rd Watnagh bridges.

The word from **Nick's Fishing Station** in Merrick is that there have been plenty of keeper fluke with roughtly a 50 percent keeper ratio in Swift Creek and the north end of Haunts Creek. Killies and sand eels have been working best. It's been a big zip on bccs but plenty of snappers are all over the place and blues galore outside.

Swinging over to the Freeport action, Captain Richie Kessinger's **Starstream II** has been having super bluefishing both day and night with fish close in off Jones Tower. Saturday the boat was back at 2:30PM loaded up. Fish has been averaging 3 to 6 lbs. with an occasional 10 lber. There are odd weaks and bonito mixed into the catches. Biggest of the week was a 19 lb. blue caught by Freeport angler Chester Werle. The fishing is now EXTREMELY CONSISTENT said the skipper.

The **Capt. Lou Fleet** has now switched over to flounder for the balance of the season. Aboard the full day **CL III** on Saturday Todd Kalkstein of East Meadow had 37 flounder while Joan Tuska had 46. Plenty of sea bass and porgies mixed in. On Sunday, John DeRosa of Valley Stream hoisted 52 flatties, while Fred Howard of Manhattan had to settle for only 51. On Monday 13 fares had over 600 flounder. Howie Danderi settled for 54 flounder, 4 fluke, 1 kingfish and 1 striper. Michael said the half-day boat is doing well also.

Several open boat tuna chumming trips are being planned aboard the **Bluefin Fleet**. These will be 10 man limit trips with reservations required. Captain Sy Karlin advised that the bluefishng trips this week continue to be excellent both day and night. High hook of the week was 68 blues for Manny of the Lawrence-Cedarhurst Fire Dept. Bill Weisse of the Albertson Fire dept. scored with 32, Morris Holmes with 30, Bill Demarest with 23, Russ Cary with 17 and Tony Wagneder with 30. Pool fish of the week was a 14 lb. blue for Harry Robinson. Larry Stratton had a 12 lber. while Sandy McKeon and Al Homes each had 8 lbers. Fish are of mixed sizes. Sy said it looks like a great fall bluefish season coming up.

A call from the charter boat **Nan Sea** skippered by Dan Polara advised that the charter for Jared Fisher of Roslyn saw this angler take his first tuna ever, a 67 lb. yellowfin. A few 20 lb. class yfts were talso taken. A trip for Artie Weiner of Flushing resulted in 9 yellowfin tuna from 20 to 30 lbs. and a few skippies.

A call from the **Miss Freeport II** told of fair fluking through Sunday but that the night bluefish trips have been excellent with fares loading up and the ride a short one to where the fish are doing their thing.

A call from Capt. Pat of the **Lady J III** told of Wednesday's charter for IBM with very good daytime chum-

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LIF subscriber John Guinta shows the 6¼ lb. fluke he decked aboard the Sheepshead Bay open boat "Zephyr."

ming and baiting of blues. Friday saw the same action for Dane Packaging, that is, daytime baiting and chumming. It was back to diamonds again Saturday for National Plumbing of Ossining, NY fishing from Jones Tower to Jones Inlet in 60 feet of water. Saturday night's bluefishing trip was a slaughter for the Harry Cooper group on bait, while Sunday's trip utilized diamonds and had a fair pick of blues for the Ali Anthunadan party. Fish have been running 3 to 12 lbs. with all action from the Jones Beach water tower to Jones Inlet daytime, with night trips either at Cholera or further to the SW.

Aboard the charter boat **Capt. Gary** a group from Avis Rent a Car sailed Friday night having excellent bluefish at CHolera. Joe Moyle took the pool with a 17 lber. and was also high hook with 18 fish. Saturday's fluke trip for Ventarama Co. fluked off Riis Park and also had lots of sea bass in the 1 lb. range mixed in. The pool went to Steve Porcelli with a 6 lber. Steve was also high hook with 17 keeper fluke. Saturday's night trip for Woody and pals socked it to the blues at Cholera. Otto Shumacher was high hook with 20 and also had the pool fish, a 15 lber. Sunday's bluefish for Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. fished SEof Jones. Utilizing diamonds, Bill Daily was high hook with 20 blues while Dave Felt had a 16 lb. pool winner.

According to Ronnie "Bunzie" Bauer at **Hudson Point Fishing Station**, Emmet Dowd and Charlie Welch socked it to 37 keeper fluke to 3 lbs. Monday, on killy squid combos in Freeport's back waters. Tony F. and crew aboard Tony's Misty on Monday had 3 bigeye tuna from 105 to 137 lbs. plus 2 yfts in the 70 lb. range at the Canyon on green machines. Lots of porgy action with blackfish and flounder plus sea bass as well for bottom bouncers at the bridges and the deeper holes. Blues being chummed at Cholera in the late afternoons. Ambrose channel has been productive also. BFT and yft in the area of the compass rose and the Virginia wreck.

Word from the **Freeport Boatmens Association** tells of the **Super Spray II** loading up on night blues at Cholera and at Middle Grounds, fish 5 to 15 lbs. There have been a few good keeper fluke on the day trips, which are helped out by catches of sea bass, porgies and snappers. Bob said that the Association's charter fleet has been having tremendous bluefishing on jigs and also on bait and chum at Cholera, 17 and Middle Grounds. The blues are holding steady, not moving which spells great September and October catches. Offshore action consists of very good yfts in the 50 to 60 lb. range with an occasional bft. Skippies are running 5 to 10 lbs.

Over in Pt. Lookout, Captain Ron of the **Miss Point Lookout** advised that fluking picked up on Sunday's PM trip, with things being fair through the week up till then. Lots of fluke seem to be moving now said Ron. Rich Pomerantz bagged a 4 lb. pool

winner. Fran and Billie put away 12 keepers. Saturday morning's trip saw Andy Nelson break out of his slump and finally take a pool. The night bluefishing has been very good all week. Friday night saw Laura Quintano of Long Beach with 38 blues. Twenty fares had over 500 fish. The skipper said the prime time for the bluefishing is right now and it's consistent.

From the **Captain Bill** came word that Monday through Friday high hooks averaged 4 to 7 keeper fluke per man on each trip sailed. On Monday the fish started coming off the flats to begin their annual exit of the bays. High hook of the week was 15 keepers with the hot area being Reynolds channel off the golf course. The AM tides were best which happen to be the last of the ebb and the first of the flood. Lots of 6 to 8 inch snappers all over the place now.

From the charter boat **Marie III** we are told of Saturday's early morning bluefish trip on which from 5 to 8AM excellent blues fell to bait and chum south of Jones. Fish ran 8 to 12 lbs. with a 15 lber. taking the pool. Catches averaged 10 to 15 per man. Once it became light it was all over. In the afternoon, there was excellent sea bass and porgy fishing on some inshore rock piles. Sunday's trip for the Double T Fishing Club also had an early bluefishing trip from 5 to 8AM and with bait and chum they bailed fish. Catches averaged 20 to 30 blues per man with fish running 5 to 8 lbs. A 12 lber. took the pool. In the afternoon, roughly 100 sea bass, porgies, blacks and fluke filled out the catch. Seventy-five percent of these were sea bass. Monday on hard bottom, a 7-man charter had over 250 sea bass and porgies to 4 lbs. mostly sea bass.

A call from Tom at **Scottys Fishing Station** told of Cliff Smith and his 3½ lb., 21 inch Spanish mackerel which he caught Friday at buoy 2 at Jones Inlet on an umbrella. Fluking for rental skiifs has been good said Tom with one returning with 30 keepers. Killes, squid and sand eels are all working. Some porgies being taken in Jones Inlet and at the jetty. Flounder are picking up once again to the tune of 15 as an average per skiff. Best areas has been middle Bay around the top of the tide. Very good bluefish action at Cholera and along the beaches for trollers. Decent blackfishing at the Meadowbrook and Loop bridges alolng with some sea bass. Blacks are running 1½ to 3 lbs. on fiddlers. Lots of snappers. Also plenty of blues south of the tower in 60 to 80 feet of water and off Long and Lido beaches on umbrellas.

Marilyn at **Eds Fishing Station** told of 14 yr. old Mike Balsamo and his 8½ lb. weak caught Friday along with 25 blackfish from 2 to 4 lbs. off the Pt. Lookout jetty. Five-year old Mike Samteramo of Richmond HIlls fishing with his dad and uncle on Monday nailed 3¾ lb. fluke while Tim Bambard and Kevin White had 4 weaks to 6¾ lbs. on squid and small

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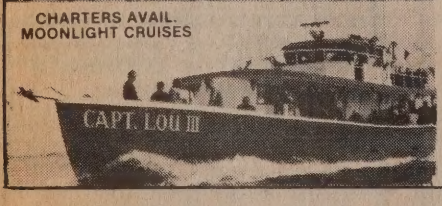

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butterfish. Dan Ratigan hoisted an 8¾ lb. blackfish on fiddler crabs at the Big M. Thirty flounder was the score for Glen Treu fishing bloodworms at the Meadowbrook Bridge. Sal Spatafora took a 5½ lb. fluke fishing Reynolds Channel east of the bridge. If you work at it, you can have good flounder catches right now at the Meadowbrook and Swift Creek. Good blackfishing also at Long creek and the Big M. The area of the J2 buoy had been consistent for late afternoon blues on jig and umbrellas.

From **Beckman's Tackle** in Lynbrook came word that Magnolia Pier in Long Beach has been having excellent mixed bag cathces of sea bass, porgies, fluke, flounder and blacks. Blackfish are also a good item at the bridges on clam, while snappers are everywhere on spearing and small tins. Bccs ... so so.

Word from **Long Beach Sports Marina** is that bluefish have been the prime catch in and offshore. Bob Corsio Sr and Jr chummed 25 blues at Cholera Monday in the 8-14 lb. range. Choppers up to 20 lbs. have been taken on live and chunked bunker under the bunker schools roaming Reynolds. Carol Haag had a 20 lb. 4 oz. blue. Pat Kinnery bagged a 17 lber. Jerry Resnick was happy with a 16 lber. and 14 yr old Steve Sowinski had a 12 lber. Some weakfish to 12 lbs. are being livelined in the same areas. Fluking has been fair this week at the Warrior buoy off Riis Park and through Reynolds Channel. Blackfish are improving daily at the ABB, Gong buoy and 28th Street wreck off Rockaway. Snapper fishing has been excellent while bccs have been poor to fair.

Over in Atlantic Beach Al at **Reynolds Reef Fishing Station** advised the best fluking has been at the Warrior buoy on all th usual baits. Bluefish being taken at the Warrior buoy on umbrellas. The area from 59th st. to Playland has been holding 2 to 5 lb. blues. Buoy 4 outside has also been a good area. Good blackfising at beach 9 street on fiddlers, fish going 1 to 2 lbs. The ABB is also holding some small blackfish. A few bass being taken from the Silver Pt. jetty on broken back Rebels. Aboard the Montauk charter boat **Tuna Tangler** Jay York fought a 7 hour battle with a giant tuna estimated at 1200 lbs. before the hook tore loose.

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NEW YORK BIGHT

From **Skippys Tackle** in East Rockaway the biggest news was of the decent fluking off Riis Park with fish being good sized. Lots of snappers all over and fair bcc catches in Bay Park.

Sitting on Jamaica Bay, **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** gave the picture from the north and south channel bridges. Lots of porgies this week, bigger than palm sized hitting blood and sand worms hungrily. Fluking has been good with a 10 lber. weighed in taken from a boat fishing around the Marine Parkway bridge. There seems to be a 2/3 keeper ratio with killie, squid all working. Lots of small blues and snappers to 10 inches hitting small Kastmaster, Hopkins and spearing. Small blackfish at both bridges on fiddler and a lot of short and stripers around.

Over in Sheepshead Bay the report out of **Stella Maris Bait and Tackle** is a lot more fluke keepers off the Rockaways. Blues at Norton's Point and Ambrose Tower with a few weaks mixed in. Blacks on the upswing at the area's wrecks and lots of big snappers in the bay.

Captain Butch of the open boat **Zephyr** called to say the fluke are starting to move out and we should get about another good month of fluke. Good numbers of large fish were found in Ambrose channel this week wtih a good number of 7 to 9 lbers. caught. Anywhere from 10 to 20 of these doormats are caught per trip depending on conditions. Butch say the keeper ratio appears to be around 90 percent and the whole fleet is getting in on it. This good action is in 40 to 60 ft. of water on Friday just one short was taken the whole day. The fish are in a large area and now's the time for the big fluke. Prime time-now.

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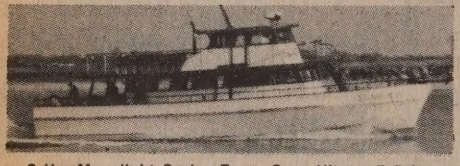

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Capt. Walt Wiegand of the **Flamingo III** advised the bluefishing continues to be very good. Walt said that a couple of days during the week were exceptionally good, all on diamond jigs. Action has been all along the Jersey beach and at Ambrose. Fish have been running 3 to 8 lbs. with a few scattered weaks mixed in.

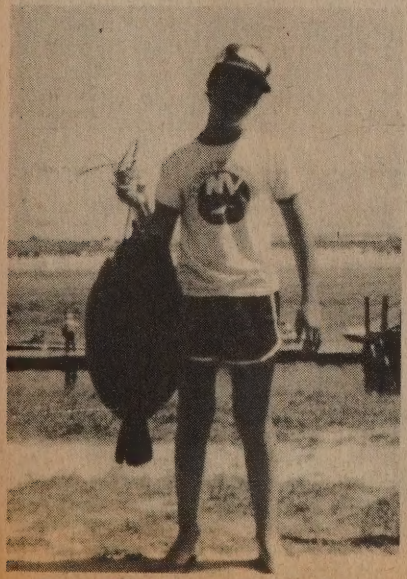
North Shore REPORT

with Marty Garrell

Sandwiched between northwesterlies early on Saturday and easterlies late Monday was pretty good Labor Day weather. Accordingly fishing was at late summer peak for practically all species. Bluefish were spotty in the western sound for the big boats, but that was perhaps the only spotty fishing in the reports.

WESTERN SOUND

John Palmieri at **John's Gun** in **New Rochelle** said that local blues were not so numerous but that large fish to 15-18 pounds were the rule for those fishing live bunker and chunks. Fluke sharpies were bound for Bayville. The **Klondike VIII** had several good days on big blues through Thursday while Saturday and Sunday were extremely



Brett Clifford caught this 7 lb. fluke off Crane's Neck in Long Island Sound back in July. Subscriber photo.

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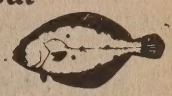

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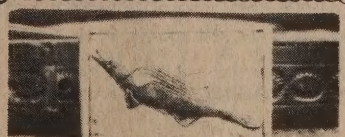

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THE Fisherman

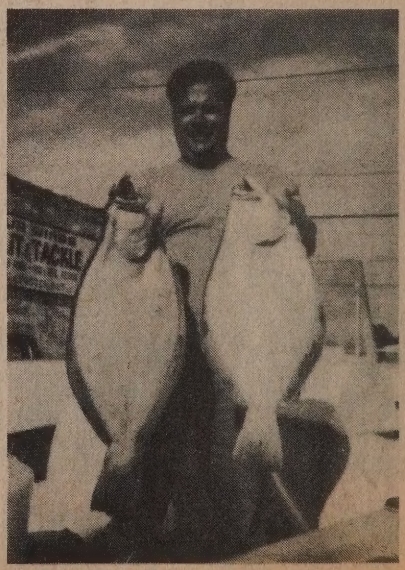
picky according to Pete Pearson. The best fish were 15 pounds and an occasional weakfish to 12 pounds was mixed with the catch from Stamford, 11B, 24B, and Crane's.

Jim DiCurffa at **Jack's Bait** on **City Island** told us that there were enough local fluke to provide action for Joe Battista, who had 9 keepers on smelt baits. Action could be found from the Center Island docks east. A few big blacks on green and fiddler crabs have already been logged. Joe Ferraro of the **Sea King** said that medium and small porgies were plentiful and that the Valentinos, Carl and Laurie, won the pool on two out of the three days they fished with the boat. Both poolwinners were fluke. The boat was fishing around Bayville, City Island, and Huntington. Dom Cerbone of the **Apache** told us that the average pail had 15-25 nice porgies by day's end and that Smithtown Bay was also worth the time. Fishing is in 20-30 feet of water and 5 or 6 small blackfish per day show up in the catch.

John Cacciola at the **Glen Cove Sport Shop** informed us that the biggest derby fish at the shop was an 11.5 bluefish but that a slammer of 14 pounds led the board for the season. These monster blues are best chunked or fished with live bait. Snappers are everywhere.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Bluefishing changes by the hour according to the **Four Winds** in **Huntington** with some better fluking down near the Nissequogue. Center-



Bob Schettino is framed by doormats of 9.10 and 6.8 lbs. taken off of Eaton's Neck on live snappers. Bob weighed the fish at Four Winds Tackle in Huntington.

port Harbor, Lilco, Lloyds, and Marshall Field were all mentioned as spots for slammers. Mel at the **Greenlawn Sport Shop** told us that Bob Masucci whipped a 15¼ pounder on a diamond jig off Target Rock and that bunker schools in the harbors were keeping the big blues close. Jerry Cedar at **Huntington Prop** was proud of a 7 pound fluke he took off Buoy 13 on Tuesday. Vinnie Gray had a catch of 6 bass to 26 pounds and the DiMaggios had a pair of linesiders that went 10 to 17 pounds. Medium porgies were plentiful off Caumsett's red can and Nick Vernola had a 16 pound slammer off the Huntington Harbor ramp.

Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** in **Northport** advised anglers to try a high hook above their porgy rigs, because some weaks to 4 pounds are in the area near the Condos on Northport Bay. Scup run to 1½ pounds. Sand City and the Coast Guard Station were still the hot-spots for fluke on sandeels and squid.

Rocky Point Bait & Tackle said that snapper fishing was great and that bluefish mingled with the little fellows too. Small porgies were off the beach, and fluking off Buoy 9 had picked up in sizes and numbers. Best Catches went as high as 24 keepers.

The **Caraftis Fishing Station** in **Port Jefferson** felt that the best fluking was at the start of the ebb off the Pink House and that 14 to 17 inch fish were the norm. There were a lot of porgies off Old Field, and blues were around Buoy 11 as usual.

Dick Brown at **Dick's Sporting Goods** in **Mount Sinai** spoke of lots of decent sized porgies off the rocky beaches and felt that White Beach, Miller Place was the spot for fluke. Some of the biggest flatties in the past couple of weeks have gone 6 pounds.

Six-year-old Henry Kessler outdid the old pros in his family when he decked this 4.7 lb. fluke aboard the private boat, AmBarJean. Henry caught the fish just off the Greenport Breakwater. Subscriber photo.

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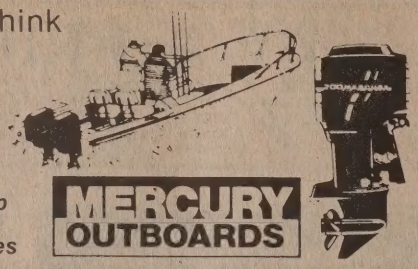

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Nick Cyprus at **Warren's** in **Aquebogue** mentioned excellent Sound porgy fishing with larger fish around Reeves and huge numbers in some catches around Iron Pier. One blackfish of 12 pounds has already been weighed and Will Stamatis had 18 tautogs on clams, with a 6 pounder the best in the haul.

Maureen at the **Mattituck Fishing Station** saw lots of porgies being harassed by big bluefish. Diamonds and umbrellas were scoring to the west and east, but the porgies were hopping around. One 3½ pound super jumbo was weighed on Sunday night. The **Mattituck Inlet Fishing Station** said that blues to the west were often up on top where they could be cast to and that 8 pounds was the norm. Further to the west east along the Sound, Trumans and Petty's have been picked clean by small draggers although there were occasional small porgies at Petty's.

Phil Loria at **Captain Marty's** enjoyed a very good Sunday with average catches of 8-12 summer weakfish per boat off Roses in the early morning. John Murgeson's group again pratically sank a boat with porgies south of the South Race. Many of the fish were 1-1¼ pounds. Small and mixed porgies were the rule off Nassau Point and Buoy 30 with nice kingfish and a few blowfish and even a couple of trigger fish. Fluke were in the North Race and in close off Rose's. Some 16-18 inch fish were reported by drifters.

Ace Cottral at the **Port of Egypt** says that scup are still plentiful on either side of Jessups with some school weaks to the west. The bay side of Orient Point has been yielding its usual fat, early flounder on the turn of the tide with small blackfish already showing off Mulford Point. Art White at the **A.P. White Bait**

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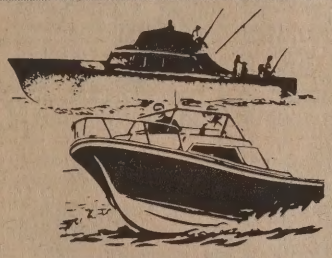

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Shop suggests the end of the Greenport jetty for tautog and felt that the **Brand X** and the **Peconic Star** were now into some larger scup around Gull and Plum.

The **Blue Albatross** enjoyed an all day blast of fluke on Thursday with the largest of fish of some 200 measuring 19 inches. John Rainis had to work a bit harder on Friday but the day was highlighted by yet another McElroy pool, a 7 pound fluke taken by George. The weekend saw blackfish by the buckets with 8½ the biggest Sunday and an enormous 10-12 by George Sabino on Monday. Rainis had another open day on Sunday, September 9th, and interested blackfish fanatics should call 765-3101 for details.

Clark Bellows said that he and Larry Ciccotto will try to push the fluke fishing on the **Prime Time II** until the 16th unless things slow down noticeably. Despite bad weather on Monday, Plum and Gardiner's were still yielding 5-6 flatties per drift with the largest fish in the 2½-3 pound class.

Rod DeLisle of the **Prowler** called to tell us that blues were still everywhere, including Pigeon and the Race. Fish in the 3-6 pound class were the norm. Walter Rustkowitz had a pair of career tautog on Thursday, bulldogs of 8-12 and 10.4 taken on hermits.

Surf REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

As September arrived so, too, did the bluefish on Long Island's beaches. From midweek last week through much of the long Labor Day weekend, surfcasters in many parts of the Island found themselves knee-deep in hungry blues. By far the most consistent action appeared to be concentrated from the Fire Island communities west of Smith Point as far east as East Hampton. The beaches bordering both Moriches and Shinnecock Inlets very likely had the best of the action. There was also some good action with big blues on bait in Long Island Sound but bass reports, while scattered and few did filter in amongst the bluefish news.

Steve Stewart cared little about all the bluefish action as he used a Hopkins on Saturday evening in the Robert Moses surf to take a trio of bass in the 30 inch size range. Steve did his fishing near the Field 2 parking lot on the ocean side. There was a report of a couple of bass taken at Democrat Point on plugs after dark during midweek and a couple of fish in the 20 lb. range taken by walkers as well. Walkers also accounted for a few small blues and a pair of weakfish during the early part of Labor Day weekend.

To the east Paul Graniello of **J&J Tackle** in Patchogue spoke of lots of blues this week on both sides of Moriches Inlet. Sunday saw good action through most of the day at cut 1, Great Gun and at the Inlet itself. Marty Beer and myself found wall to wall bluefish (5 to 6 lb. class fish) at dawn in front of the pavilion at Cupsogue Thursday AM. Jack "The Painter" Murry got in several good afternoon sessions with blues in this area as well.

Chris Salb of **Bay View Marine and Tackle** in Sag Harbor said that once or twice each day he sees the blues hit the beach making for some wild action along Bridgehampton and Southampton ocean beaches. Most casters use tins such as the Hopkins and Kastmaster but plugs take fish as well. As an example of just how fit the fish

As an example of just how thick the fish were Chris told of one tourist how who hung a hopkins on a length of line attached to a bamboo pole and still managed to drag six blues out of the wash.

Steve Kenney, LIF circulation man reported lots of blues mornings and evenings at Coast Guard Beach and Atlantic Beach in East Hampton throughout the weekend. Most were in the 5 to 7 lb. range.

Out in Montauk, Johnny Kronuch said some blues were in and out along South Shore beaches but not as consistently as had been. There were a few big blues at browns before the east winds came up early Monday. Otherwise a few small bass in just a couple of weeks picked from up front.

Up on the north shore John Cacciola of **Glen Cove Sport Shop** spoke of plentyo f small blues at Matinecock during dawn and dusk through the latter part of last week. Further east it was big blues to 12 lbs. providing good steady action near the Lilco plant. According to George Valentine of **4 Winds Bait and Tackle** in Huntington, bunker chunks are being used to take most of the fish though a few did fall to plugs and tin. good fishing occurred here as recently as Labor Day.

Stan Hentschel of **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** said 1 to 3 lb. blues have been in and out but the fishing has been very inconsistent. A few small bass locally after dark on Rebels and Redfins. The only word from the north fork concerned an occasional big blue on bunker chunks. Nick Cypress of **Warrens Tackle Center** in Aquebogue said a 14 lber. was the biggest of the week.

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DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
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SAT.	7:25	7:40	8:20	8:35	8:10	8:25	9:05	9:20	11:30	11:50	10:55	11:10	7:10	7:35	9/8
SUN.	8:05	8:20	8:55	9:15	8:50	9:00	9:40	9:55	—	12:10	11:30	11:50	7:50	8:10	9/9
MON.	8:40	8:55	9:30	9:45	9:25	9:35	10:15	10:30	12:30	12:40	—	12:05	8:30	8:50	9/10
TUES.	9:15	9:30	10:05	10:20	10:00	10:10	10:50	11:05	12:55	1:00	12:25	12:40	9:10	9:25	9/11
WED.	9:50	10:05	10:40	10:55	10:35	10:40	11:25	11:40	1:10	1:15	1:00	1:15	9:45	10:05	9/12
THURS.	10:25	10:40	11:10	11:30	11:05	11:10	—	12:00	1:30	1:35	1:30	1:50	10:25	10:40	9/13

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STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	–0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	–0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	–0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	–0 12
Seaside Park	–0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	–0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	–0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	–0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	–0 02
Rehobeth Beach	–0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	–0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	–0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	–0 38
Democrat Point	–0 38
Coast Guard Station	–0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	–0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
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Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	–0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	–0 20
Truman Beach	–0 42
Falkner Island	–0 13
Sachem Head	–0 10
Branford Harbor	–0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	–0 08
Milford Harbor	–0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	–0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	–0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	–0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	–0 14
Montauk Inlet	–0 25
Montauk Point, north side	–1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	–0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	–0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	–0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	–0 10
Execution Light	-0 06
Manhasset Bay	–0 01
Hempstead Harbor	–0 11
City Island	–0 03
Rye Beach	–0 28
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CAPE MAY POINT	–0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	–0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	–1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	–0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	–0 08
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Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	–0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

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SUN. 9/9	6:34	7:18
MON. 9/10	6:35	7:17
TUE. 9/11	6:36	7:16
WED. 9/12	6:37	7:15

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 9/6	6:00PM	2:29AM
FRI. 9/7	6:33PM	3:31AM
SAT. 9/8	7:01PM	4:34AM
SUN. 9/9	7:26PM	5:36AM
MON. 9/10	7:48PM	6:36AM
TUE. 9/11	8:09PM	7:35AM
WED. 9/12	8:30PM	8:34AM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
8/26	9/2	9/10	9/18

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The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	2:45	8:55	3:05	9:20
Fri.	3:35	9:40	3:50	10:05
Sat.	4:20	10:35	4:35	10:50
Sun.	5:05	11:05	5:15	11:25
Mon.	5:40	11:45	5:55	—
Tues.	6:20	12:05	6:35	12:25
Wed.	6:55	12:40	7:25	1:10
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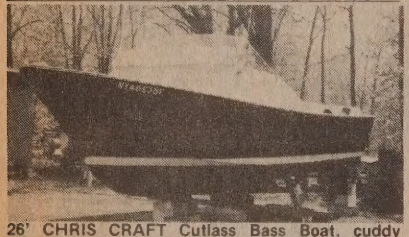

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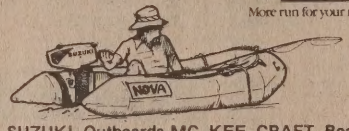

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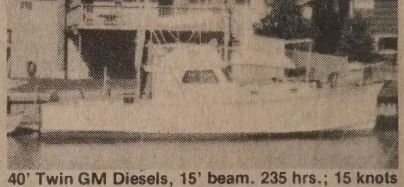

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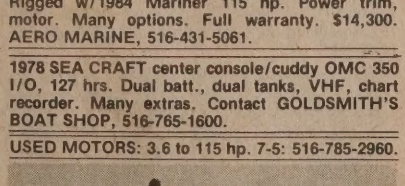

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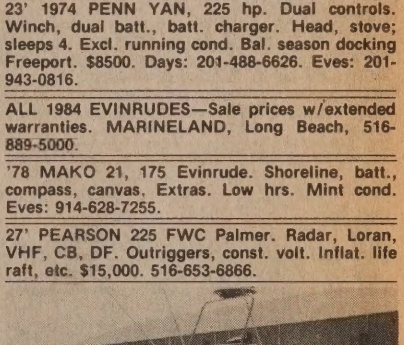

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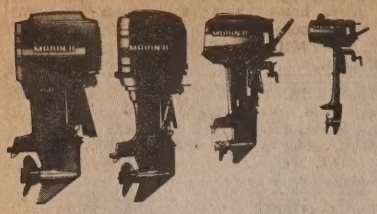

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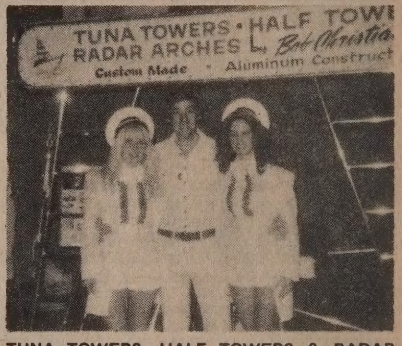

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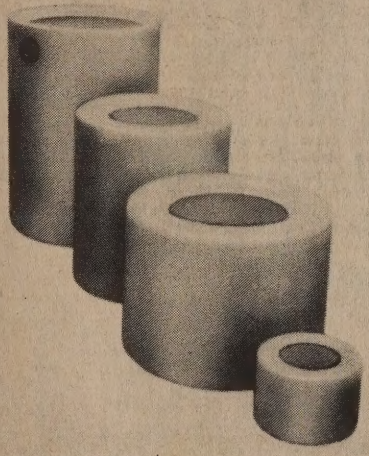

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